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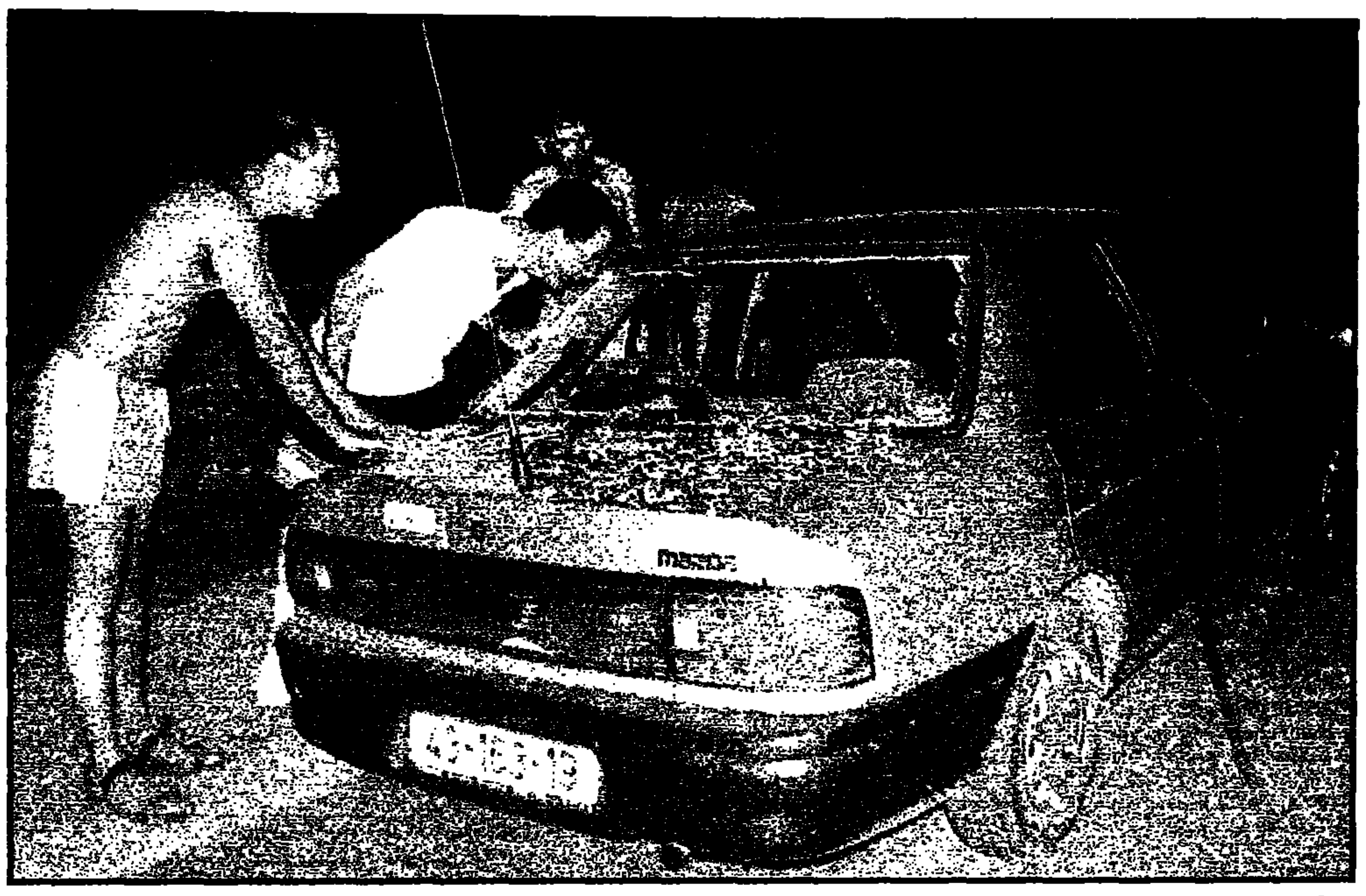

Kiryat Shmona residents inspect the damage to a car caused by last night's Katyusha attack. (Avihu Shapira/Israel Sun)

Attack follows IAF hit on Amal leader

By DAVID RUDGE

At least 14 people were lightly wounded or suffered from shock as a result of Hizbullah Katyusha rocket attacks on Kiryat Shmona last night while the northern town was *full of people.*

Rockets also hit parts of the Western Galilee, knocking out power lines and causing relatively minor property damage but no casualties.

Reports from Lebanon said that at least 30 rockets were fired at targets in Israel, with most of them landing in Kiryat Shmona *and the Western Galilee.*

The attacks occurred around 9:45, when people were still walking the streets, sitting in coffee shops or attending wedding receptions.

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No direct instructions had been given to residents by the IDF to enter bomb shelters, although some went there on their own after the first salvoes fell.

The rocket attacks were apparently *in response to the wounding* of seven Lebanese civilians in villages north of the security zone as a result of South Lebanese Army shelling, as well as a missile strike by an IAF Apache helicopter that killed regional Amal operations chief Husam Amin, 32, as he was driving near Tyre.

The inner security cabinet will *meet this morning to discuss the* attack and its response. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai was reported to have immediately travelled to the northern border last night.

Mordechai earlier in the day *said Amin was head of Amal's* operations in the western sector and had been responsible for planning numerous attacks on IDF and South Lebanese Army targets.

A few hours after the helicopter raid, news agencies reported that at least seven Lebanese civilians had been wounded and several houses and vehicles damaged in villages north of the zone, as a result of SLA shelling.

A Syrian outpost near Masghara village, the southernmost Syrian base in Lebanon, was said to have been hit in the shelling, although there were no reports of casualties.

OC Northern Command Maj.-*Gen. Gaby Ashkenazi briefed* heads of confrontation line communities by phone last night. No instructions were given to open public bomb shelters, nor were residents told to take any special precautions.

Nevertheless, many residents decided that they would spend the night in shelters or in security rooms.

The IDF, in a rare move, announced publicly that it was responsible for the attack that killed Amin. The IDF did not, however, admit responsibility for a reported missile attack the pre*vious night on an Amal command* center in Kassamiya, where Amin apparently lived.

The attack was reminiscent of the IAF helicopter strike near Jibsheet in 1992 that killed *Hizbullah leader Sheikh Abbas* Musawi.

The differences were that on that occasion several other vehicles in Musawi's convoy were hit and his wife and young son were among those killed. Hizbullah's *response to that attack was mas*sive Katyusha rocket bombardments on Galilee communities.

That and subsequent Katyusha attacks led to Operation Accountability in 1993 and three years later to Operation Grapes of *Wrath and the understandings* that ensued which banned both sides from hitting civilians.

Security sources stressed that Amin was a military target, whose movements had apparently been closely followed for some time, and was therefore "fair game" under the terms of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

According to some reports, the order to attack was given by the cabinet, without any connection to the recent Israeli fatalities suffered in south Lebanon.

Mordechai praised the efficiency of the operation and stressed *that Israel would continue to act* against terrorist organizations operating in south Lebanon and their leaders.

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A well-planned attack

Yesterday's strike by a single Apache helicopter gunship was carried out using a laser-guided missile which locked onto its target as regional Amal operations chief Husam Amin, 32, was driving along a road near Tyre.

The car, had turned off the main coastal highway and was heading toward El-Malkiyeh village.

According to reports, the helicopter had closely followed the route of the car and had even waited for three other people who were in the vehicle to be dropped off before launching its attack.

Only when the pilots were sure that he was alone in the car did they fire at the vehicle, which instantly caught fire, went out of control, and crashed into an orange grove.

Reports from Lebanon said that, around midday, two Apaches had been seen hovering over the coastal road north of Tyre. About 30 minutes later, one of them veered inland to attack Amin, a close associate of Amal leader Nabih Beri. *David Rudge*

Tactical victory, strategic risk

ANALYSIS

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

It looked good on paper. The execution was surgically meticulous, thanks to good intelligence.

But the IDF knew that taking out top Amal military commander Husam Amin would expose the residents of the North to a retaliatory attack and, indeed, Katyusha rockets slammed into the Galilee Panhandle a few hours later.

But the IDF was determined to send a message *that* no one *behind attacks* on *Israeli* troops is immune. Amin was said to be directly responsible for the increase in attacks against Israeli targets in Lebanon this year. He was a driving force behind Amal's attempt to reenter the battleground in south Lebanon.

Martin Kramer, head of the Dayan Center at Tel Aviv University, said that the attack could boost the image of Amal, which has been playing second fiddle to its rival, Hizbullah.

"*It will enhance their aura. In their appeal to* the Shi'ites, they will say it is not just Hizbullah which is fighting Israel; we are also in the struggle. It will strengthen Amal in the hearts and minds of the Shi'ite Lebanese," he said.

A stronger Amal would be in Israel's long-term interest, Kramer said, because it is as secular and Lebanese as Hizbullah is Islamic and pan-Middle East.

"If one has to choose between the two movements, certainly Amal could be relied upon to stop at the Israeli frontier in the event of a pullback, while most analysts would agree that Hizbullah would still have reason to create crises beyond the border," he said.

The IDF insists the attack was strictly within the confines of the Grapes of Wrath agreements, which do not bar attacks on military personnel.

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Insurance companies to pay policies of Holocaust victims

By CHELSEA J. CARTER

NEW YORK (AP) – Leading European insurance companies signed an agreement yesterday to resolve the unpaid Nazi-era polices of Holocaust victims, even though attorneys for survivors remain opposed, said a key member of the negotiating team.

The agreement – independent of pending class-action lawsuits – was negotiated by the World Jewish Congress, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, and European insurance companies.

The memorandum of understanding establishes an international commission that will examine the companies' archives, set up a process to resolve claims, and determine a company's liability, said Neil D. Levin, vice chairman of the commissioners' group negotiating task force and superintendent of the New York State Insurance Department.

"This means that finally, moral and material restitution will be made," he said.

Attorneys representing thousands of Holocaust survivors said they didn't support the memorandum, claiming it is not legally binding and does not guarantee quick payment of policies.

"They have been waiting 50 years to resolve this, and they don't want to wait another 50," said Linda Gerstel, of Anderson, Kill, and Olick in Manhattan.

As part of the agreement, the insurance companies will also immediately pay money into two funds – a humanitarian fund and an equity fund – that would begin paying provable claims immediately.

"This is not charity. This belongs to the survivors and their heirs," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles.

Germany seeks solution for Nazi slave labor, Page 4

Among the major European insurance companies which signed the agreement are Allianz of Germany, the French company AXA, Swiss companies Winterthur and Baseler, and Der Anker of Austria, Levin said.

The announcement comes a week after Italian insurance company Assicurazioni Generali agreed to pay $100 million to settle the outstanding claims brought on by a class-action lawsuit.

Switzerland's two major commercial banks agreed earlier this month to pay $1.25 billion to survivors as restitution for lost assets.

Attorney Ed Fagan, who represents Holocaust victims, said some problems with the agreement are that companies aren't bound to it and that survivors weren't consulted.

Protecting the public

A policeman escorts a Palestinian past Jewish residents of Hebron after the curfew on the city was lifted yesterday. Story, Page 2. (AP)

SA bomb kills 2 in revenge for US attacks

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) - A radical Moslem group claimed responsibility for a bomb that killed a woman in Cape Town's popular Planet Hollywood restaurant yesterday, saying it was in retaliation for *US attacks in Sudan* and Afghanistan.

Western Cape police commis*sioner Leon Wessels* told Reuters at the scene that 25 people were injured in the US-franchise restaurant by the blast. "It was an explosive device that was left in the bar part of the cafe," he said.

Police initially reported one woman killed, but spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen told Reuters *later that a second person might* have died.

Local radio said a second victim died of a heart attack.

Cape Talk radio journalist Marianne Merten said a man claiming to represent Muslims Against Global Oppression telephoned shortly after the explosion saying the bomb was set in retaliation for last week's US missile attacks on alleged terrorist targets in Sudan and Afghanistan.

The United States attacked the alleged terrorist strongholds after more than 250 people were killed in the August 7 bombing of its embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Mixed signals over possible redeployment

By MICHAL YUDELMAN, MARGOT DUDKEVITCH, and news agencies

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat sounded a conciliatory note in Oslo yesterday, but in Jerusalem official sources were less than optimistic about finalizing a *West Bank withdrawal agreement.*

Arafat told reporters he could accept the Israeli proposal to withdraw from 13% of the West Bank, of which a certain percentage would be a nature reserve, and both Palestinian and Israeli sources in Oslo gave optimistic estimates about nearing an agreement.

According to Channel 2, Arafat asked the US for a letter guaranteeing it will ensure that Israel implements the entire agreement.

However, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said there are grounds for Arafat's optimism only if the Palestinians keep their part of the deal.

Official Israeli sources said there was no development to indicate progress towards an agreement. *The sources also expressed con*cern over US envoy Dennis Ross's refusal to visit.

Ross, who attended the ceremony commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Oslo Accords, said he has no plans to visit the *Middle East, despite Israeli efforts* to get him to do so.

Coalition whip Meir Sheetrit, who attended the Oslo ceremony, said: "I believe the talks brought us closer to points that could really make a breakthrough in the *process. When I return I intend to* report to the prime minister."

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said Netanyahu has "crossed the Rubicon" vis-a-vis the withdrawal and estimated that an agreement will be signed "within a few days or weeks."

But sources close to Netanyahu said they had no idea where Kahalani got his information.

Netanyahu reiterated his demand that the Palestinian National Council convene to amend the *Palestinian Covenant and denied* "all kinds of false rumors about concessions we haven't made. We want reciprocity, security, and that the PNC cancel the covenant."

However, reports persisted that Israel advised Palestinian leaders *it had dropped its demand to con*vene the PNC as a condition for the redeployment.

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in brief

Naharayim gathering marks peace with Jordan

About 2,000 youngsters, mostly Israeli, gathered last night at Naharayim to mark the passage of five years since the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty. Other youths came from Jordan, Gaza, and southern Lebanon.

The gathering was organized at the impetus of Kibbutz HaMeuchedet, to encourage the peace process and turning Naharayim once again into a popular site for youngsters, as it was before the killing of seven school-girls from Beit Shemesh by a deranged Jordanian soldier last year.

Families of the students from Beit Shemesh boycotted the event, as did the mayor of Beit Shemesh. Jordan was represented by Prince Raed, the oldest Jordanian prince, who called for continuing the peace process.

Minister of Internal Security Avigdor Kahalani represented Israel, and said he hopes the model of Israel's peace with Jordan will be adopted by other Arab states. *Itim*

TA municipal engineer ordered fired

Tel Aviv city manager Meir Doron, following his investigation of the construction accident that damaged a major sewer pipe in Jaffa last week, recommended the dismissal of a sewerage department engineer, Nahum Stein.

Stein, in the permit given to the building contractor that hit the pipe, had written that "there are no municipal sewerage pipes in the area."

"There was a systemic failure in the issuing of this permit and in some of the actions that led to the issuing of the permit," Doron said. He also recommended that Yevgenya Plotnick, an engineer in the building inspection department, be reprimanded.

As a result of the damage, a large quantity of sewage flowed into the sea, leading to the closure of the city's beaches *Itim*

Police probing verbal assault against Mordechai

The police have opened an investigation into the conduct of right-wing activist Itamar Ben-Gvir. Ben-Gvir earlier this week protested outside the Motza home of Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and called him "murderer." Police are checking whether the verbal assault is considered incitement.

Last night, right-wing activists demonstrated again outside Mordechai's home, Itim reported. A group of left-wing activists staged a counter-demonstration expressing support for Mordechai.

Ben-Gvir said last night that his statements were protected by his democratic rights and that police attempts to stifle him will not prevent him from continuing to voice his opinions. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Suspected child abuser remanded

Jerusalem Magistrate's court yesterday remanded a father of 15, suspected of abusing his family over a long period of time, for four days. The man, a resident of north Jerusalem about 45-years old, denied the accusations. *Amy Klein*

US intelligence defends VX-Sudan link

US intelligence, defending the decision to fire cruise missiles at a pharmaceutical factory in Sudan, said yesterday that soil samples from the area showed traces of an ingredient for making deadly VX gas.

The Sudanese owners of the El Shifa factory in Khartoum, which was largely destroyed in the attack last Thursday, also had meetings with Iraqis close to Iraq's chemical weapons program, a senior US intelligence official said.

The chemical found in the soil near the plant was EMPTA, or o-ethylmethylphosphonothioic acid, he said. *Reuters*

'We got out by a miracle'

By DAVID RUDGE

Luck played a great part in the narrow escapes of Galilee residents during last night's rocket attacks.

"The first attack hit the center of town, which was lucky from our point of view," said Ra'anan Aloni, of Kiryat Shmona, after a Katyusha scored a direct hit on his neighbor's house.

He said that after the first salvo, people immediately headed for the nearby bomb shelter, which had been opened earlier on the orders of Mayor Haim Barbevai because of the risk of attacks.

"The family in the neighboring house ran to the shelter and, on their way, a rocket hit their house. It was a serious blow. We got out by a miracle," said Aloni.

A woman ran to the shelter after the first salvo and was hit by the second. She suffered shrapnel wounds.

Power supplies to parts of the town and neighboring villages were knocked out. At least one truck was severely damaged by a direct hit, and a number of homes and other buildings were damaged.

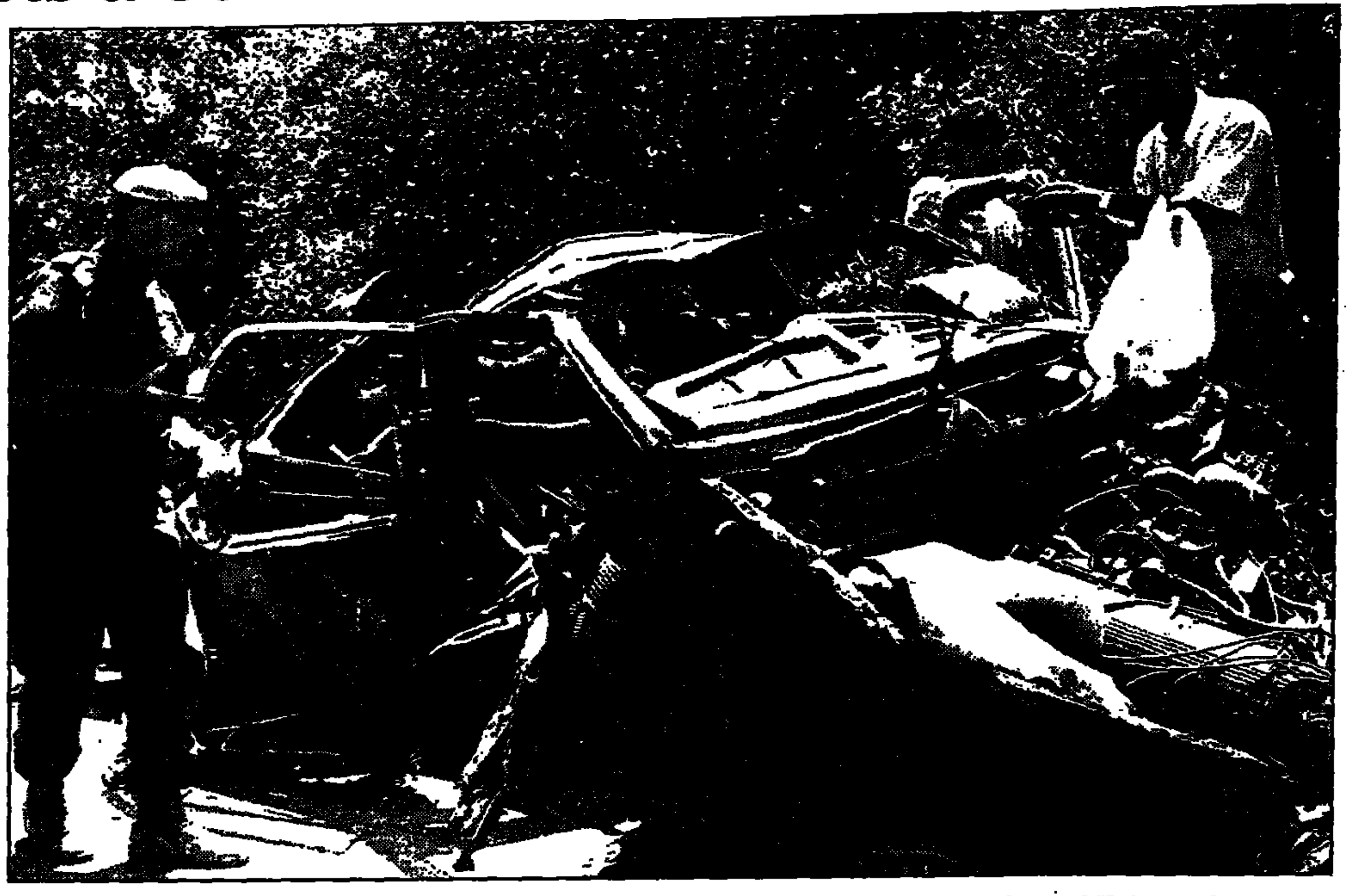
In Western Galilee, rockets hit an Arab village, causing panic among residents and some damage, but no casualties.

The IDF Spokesman issued a statement saying that gunners had returned fire, and calling rocket attacks a flagrant breach of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

Amal gets a boost in its battle with Hizbullah

BACKGROUND

By DAVID RUDGE



The wreckage of the car in which Hossam Al-Amin, a military commander of the Shiite Amal militia, was killed yesterday when an IDF helicopter gunship fired a rocket at the car as it traveled near Tyre. The vehicle was thrown 10 meters off the road. (AP)

The Amal movement, led by Lebanese Parliament Speaker Nabih Beri, still has a groundswell of grassroots support among the Shi'ite population, especially in south Lebanon and Beirut, despite its lack of finances and organization compared to Hizbullah.

Amal, which was established in 1978, was for many years the sole movement of and spokesman for the Shi'ite community. All that changed in 1983 with the formation of what was then a radical and fundamentalist splinter group – Hizbullah.

Lifted by the Islamic revolution that had swept Iran and spurred on by the Israeli invasion during the Lebanon War, Hizbullah hit the headlines with a new form of fighting – suicide bomb attacks.

It did not take long for the new organization, financed by and ideologically aligned with Iran, to establish itself and become a force in Lebanon.

Internecine fighting with Amal only served to strengthen the military base of Hizbullah, which at a later stage began to involve itself in social welfare projects in Shi'ite neighborhoods and villages, at Amal's expense.

The more secular movement suffered further after the Taif Accords of 1991 which effectively ended Lebanon's civil war and led to the disbandment of all warring militias – except Hizbullah.

Hizbullah, with the tacit approval of Syria – which had by then established its control over Lebanon – was allowed to retain its fighting arm ostensibly to wage a war of liberation against the "Zionist occupiers" in the security zone.

Amal forfeited its militia rights and virtually gave up the fight in south Lebanon to Hizbullah, which has been reaping the benefits of its successes and propaganda ever since.

Recently, however, Amal has been trying to get back into the fray, especially in light of the public calls in Israel for a withdrawal from the security zone.

Amal, apparently, decided that it could not allow Hizbullah to take all the credit for any IDF pullback and has been trying to get back into the picture. One of its more spectacular operations was the booby-trapped video-cassette bomb that an SLA security official brought unsuspectingly by to the Metulla crossing point. It killed one person and wounded several others.

Since then, Amal has gradually increased the pace of its attacks, mainly long-range mortar fire at IDF and SLA outposts. In the past few weeks, the number of incidents claimed by Amal has risen to an average of one per day.

The movement, it seems, has determined that it will also go into the history books for the fight to free the security zone. It will certainly view the killing of Husam Amin as a major propaganda victory.

PM rejects plea to halt Oslo process

Netanyahu pledges support for Hebron settlers

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday promised the Hebron Jewish community that building will begin shortly in Tel Rumeida.

He was speaking during a condolence visit to the family of the late Rabbi Shlomo Ra'anan, who was murdered in his Tel Rumeida home last Thursday by terrorists.

Seated before Ra'anan's widow Chaya, Netanyahu listened to her pleas to discontinue the Oslo process. "With all my reservations regarding Oslo, I cannot stop the process since I was elected on the basis of a commitment to fulfill these agreements," he told her.

The visit marked the first time Netanyahu had been in Hebron since being elected. Accompanied by his wife Sara, his entourage passed by the Machpela Cave before continuing up the hill to the mobile homes perched on a hilltop overlooking the city.

In the afternoon, the IDF lifted the curfew imposed on Palestinians living in H2, the sector under Israeli control, for three hours, allowing residents to buy food. The curfew was imposed after last Thursday's attack.

Shortly after the curfew was lifted, a group of settlers near Beit Hadassah reportedly stoned Palestinian passers by.

Soldiers detained a woman settler outside Beit Hadassah and escorted Palestinians to safety, while trying to push back about 30 settlers.

"Go home, go home," settlers shouted as Palestinians tried to make their way past Beit Hadassah.

Civil Administration Spokesman Lt. Peter Lerner said that despite a military closure on the entire city and the curfew, some 6,000 Palestinian workers who had permits were permitted to enter Israel to work on Sunday and yesterday.

Chaya Ra'anan described herself as a "woman whose world had collapsed around her." The only thing that would give her strength to continue, she said, is to ensure that her husband was not murdered for nothing.

Speaking to reporters outside the Ra'anans' mobile home, Netanyahu said: "Look at how these people are living. The walls are made of plaster and are so thin you can put your fist through them. In the summer the hot sun beats down and in the winter the rain pours in."

Netanyahu said the approval for permanent homes had been given and that it would not be long before construction starts. Netanyahu said that plans to build should not be conceived as doubling every square meter. But he stressed the importance of maintaining a Jewish presence in the area.

Meanwhile, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, back in Gaza after attending ceremonies in Norway to mark the fifth anniversary of the Oslo Accords, said the shoring up of the Tel Rumeida compound is "completely against what has been agreed upon."

MK Hanan Porat (NRP) confirmed reports that during a meeting with Netanyahu on Saturday night the Prime Minister had agreed to allow the construction of a building near Beit Hadassah called Beit Hashisha. Porat said Netanyahu agreed to build two story buildings in place of the seven mobile homes at Tel Rumeida, allowing more families to move there.

Speaking on Arutz 7, Porat said that during the meeting he emphasized that settlers "are treated as third rate citizens and things reach a peak only when something happens."

MK Ran Cohen (Meretz) warned that Netanyahu's agreement to allow building near Beit Hadassah would only encourage violence. Cohen said Netanyahu is playing a game of Russian roulette with extremists in Hebron.

Mohammed Najib adds:

The Palestinian Legislative Council will hold a closed session in Hebron today to discuss the situation in the city. PLC member Jamal Shubaki, a Fatah representative from the Hebron area, said that as long as settlers remain in Hebron, there will be no peace process.

A statement published by the PLC called on the PLO to raise the Hebron issue at the next UN Security Council session and discuss the "collective punishment" and the "brutal crimes" carried out by the settlers, who, it said, are supported by the IDF and the Israeli government.

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Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai had advised Arafat deputy Mahmoud Abbas at their meeting this week that Netanyahu had given up the demand.

Sarid said Netanyahu's emissary, Yitzhak Molcho, gave the same message to Palestinian Legislative Council Speaker Ahmed Qurei.

Sarid said he was responsible for the absolute accuracy of this information.

"Either Netanyahu is deceiving his emissaries, Mordechai and Molcho, and via them the Palestinians with today's denials, or he is deceiving the Israeli public and his coalition partners on the extreme right.

"Either way, the expectations for an impending withdrawal are again premature and exaggerated, as we've experienced a thousand times in the past," Sarid said.

PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said Molcho had informed Qurei that Israel had dropped its demand that the PNC amend the covenant.

Israeli sources who attended the Oslo ceremony said the document Molcho gave Qurei made no mention of the demand to convene the PNC, which enables the Palestinians to say the PNC convention is not a condition to the withdrawal agreement.

They noted the American proposal says the PLO executive committee, rather than the PNC, must amend the covenant before signing the agreement.

Omitting the PNC condition enables Netanyahu to accept the executive committee's amendment of the covenant for the time being, while not giving up his demand that the PNC amend it before the final settlement.

However, Netanyahu's denials indicate he may have reneged on the document he gave Molcho, which contains the first official reference to a 13 percent withdrawal from the West Bank, the sources said.

MK Yossi Beilin (Labor), who returned from Oslo yesterday, said there is no need to wait for September 13 to sign the withdrawal agreement.

Beilin was referring to reports that preparations are being made to sign the agreement in Washington on that date.

"The most important thing is to reach an agreement and start the 12-week period of implementing the American plan," Beilin declared.

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"I would not recommend that anybody on the other side take any hasty actions. We reserve the legitimate right to act whenever necessary against terrorist leaders and terror wherever they might be found," he said.

Also yesterday, a SLA soldier was killed when Hizbullah gunmen detonated an explosive device alongside his patrol in the SLA-controlled Jezzine enclave north of the security zone. Simultaneously, Hizbullah fired mortars at a SLA position in the same area without causing casualties.

The IAF struck at Hizbullah targets in the area in response. Reports from Lebanon said at least one Hizbullah gunman was wounded.

The SLA also returned fire and it was apparently as a result of this that shells struck Masghara, Sohmor, and Ein-Tineh north of the zone, wounding Lebanese civilians, damaging houses, and setting at least a car ablaze. There were also reports later of exchanges in the western sector of the security zone.

VICTORY

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The prevalent feeling in the IDF is that it could not remain indifferent to hostile actions nor ignore the guiding hands behind them.

IDF officials insist that the operation had been in the works for a long time and was not connected to the US strikes against Islamic terrorists targets in Sudan and Afghanistan last week. The hit was approved at the political level, and approved again when it became more specific.

But Kramer said that Israel could well have been prompted by the resolve shown by the Americans.

"Lots of things are planned, but only carried out when the international atmosphere is favorable," Kramer said.

After the IDF killed Hizbullah leader Sheikh Abbas Musawi in 1992, together with his wife and son, Hizbullah is thought to have retaliated by blowing up the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires the following month, killing 29 people.

But IDF officials and analysts don't believe that Amal is strong enough to strike at Israeli targets abroad, particularly over the death of a mid-level fighter.

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Appeal to Netanyahu for bail-out

Health funds to ask for court's permission to run joint clinics

By JUDY SIEGEL

The directors of the four public health funds will make a *joint appearance* today in the Anti-trust Court in Jerusalem to request "temporary permission" for activating "joint emergency clinics" to supply vital care to all members if they can no longer individually provide all services.

Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg of Clalit, Shabtai Shavit of Maccabi, Uzi Salant of Meuhedet and Dr. Shmuel Rosenman of Leumit will appear at the court this morning.

The health funds have not yet signed the program, promoted *by the health and finance* ministries and approved by the Knesset Finance Committee several weeks ago to transfer some NIS 550 million in grants and loans to help cover their deficit.

The program was also to require the levying of user fees for going to a medical specialist, visiting an outpatient clinic and receiving physiotherapy and other treatments, as well as hiking charges for prescribed drugs.

The four health fund directors yesterday *sent a letter to Prime* Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, urging that "you put all your weight" behind the demand for updating the basket of health services, taking into account the aging of the population and its growth, and the growing costs of new medical technologies and pharmaceuticals.

"We're sorry to say that no solution has been found yet for this matter, and that the government's repayment of its debts to the health funds has not been carried out," they wrote

As a result, the insurers intend to cut services significantly, beyond their current reductions – closing clinics during afternoon and evening hours, for example. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza sternly berated them last week for reducing services.

Because of the health funds' *severe budget deficits and their* failure to pay their debts to hospitals, many of the hospitals – especially those not owned by the government or Kupat Holim Clalit – are in a desperate financial situation.

A Health Ministry source said the fact that the four health funds are acting jointly provides the basis for Matza's claim that they are acting as a "cartel." Ministry spokesman Yoram Malka added that he thought the court would reject the health funds' request.

Projects will increase territories' water supply

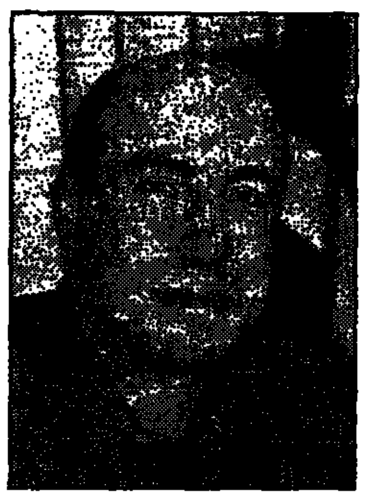
By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and Jerusalem Post Staff

Government coordinator in the territories Maj.-Gen. Ya'acov Orr visited Bethlehem, Hebron and Jenin yesterday to inspect drilling sites and pipelines being laid to ease the water shortage in the West Bank.

The current system is unable to absorb the water being supplied mainly due to the lack of a proper infrastructure, said civil administration spokesman Lt. Peter Lerner.

The project, which started seven months ago and will cost some $25 million, was planned and funded by the US. Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and Jordan are also involved.

Results, however, will not be felt until next summer, said Lt.-Col. *Michal Kesari, adding that in* March 1999 an additional five to seven million cubic meters will be *added to the water supply.*



Maj.-Gen. Ya'acov Orr (Israel Sun)

Meanwhile, work continues at a rapid pace with channels for the pipelines being dug and covered at the rate of several kilometers a week.

"We have to uphold our commitments as a nation and a people and do our best to relieve the current shortage," Orr told Israel Radio.

In a related development, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon met with visiting US Sen. Joseph Biden and used the water project as an example of the kind of regional project, using Israeli know-how and US and other financial support, that can contribute greatly to the peace process.

Sharon also met with Japanese Ambassador Kawashima Yutaka. The two discussed the possibility that the Japanese government or Japanese companies participate in *projects with Israel, the PA, and* Jordan, like the water project.

Arrests spark tension on Temple Mount

By AMY KLEIN

Tensions ran high on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem's Old City yesterday when border policemen entered the area to arrest an Arab youth, and Wakf officials closed the Mount to tourists.

Wakf officials accused police *of acting violently in the holy* area, and demanded that they guard the compound only from the outside.

The trouble started when two Arabs were arrested near the entrance to the Temple Mount because they refused to submit to a routine ID check, a police spokeswoman said. A few hours later, a third Arab protested their arrest, and police chased him into the Temple Mount compound.

Wakf guards *then scuffled with* the police.

"Police hit the boy inside the *mosque and then the Wakf guards* went to protect him," said Adnan Husseini, director-general of the Islamic Wakf.

But Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki said the police acted properly.

Wakf officials closed the Temple Mount to tourists, and for the next few hours the High Islamic Council met in the compound to protest the situation. Faisal Husseini, the Palestinian Authority official responsible for Jerusalem, was also present.

Wakf officials met with Yitzhaki and asked him to remove the border policemen from within the Temple Mount gates. Yitzhaki refused, telling them that police can operate anywhere in the city. "The status quo remains in Jerusalem and we will not make any changes," he said.

After the Mount was closed, some 60 people demonstrated outside.

Heavy security forces came to disperse the demonstrators.

The police have sovereignty on the Temple Mount, Yitzhaki said, suggesting that political factors were behind the decision to expel the border policemen. "They were not operating alone," Yitzhaki said.

A *senior police official* told Itim that the Wakf was trying to flex its muscles. "The Wakf is in *a crisis, because of the PA's* increasing power in Jerusalem, and it is trying to heat up the atmosphere *and show its power,*" he said.

But the matter wasn't political, Adnan Husseini said, and Wakf officials have no objection to police apprehending criminals *within the Temple Mount area.* They object to the soldiers' behavior inside the mosque.

"This is a holy place, and it is forbidden from a religious point of view," Husseini said. "You can *position soldiers outside the gates* and this will protect the Temple Mount from extremists.

"We won't be held responsible for Israelis if they continue to stay here," he warned. "Putting *soldiers there is a big mistake.* It's their decision. If they want a problem, then they have a problem."

Caroline Soulars (left), of London, and Marie Breteau sit outside the gate after the Wakf closed the Temple Mount compound to tourists yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Barak, Ben-Ami working on a 'new' Labor Party

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak and MK Shlomo Ben-Ami are planning a radical change in the party, which will infuse it with new content and turn it into a new centrist social-democratic party.

"Israel needs a new social-democratic party in any case, and Labor needs a radical internal renewal and face-lift – both in structure and in platform," Ben-Ami, who is formulating a document on how to change the party, said on TV's *Erev Hadash* yesterday.

Ben-Ami said Barak and senior party officials have been discussing ways to update the party and turn it into "New Labor."

"Ever since Labor was founded, it was a coalition of social groups, like the kibbutz and other settlement movements, which are dissipated and worn out today. The real new social groups are in Netanyahu's coalition – Sephardi communities, development town *residents, new immigrants and lower-income* groups.

"We must find a new organization that will constitute a *home for them,* especially since Netanyahu's policy is striking against these very groups and hurting them," Ben-Ami said.

Ben-Ami dismissed as "not serious" the rumors of MK Haim Ramon's plans to quit Labor and form a centrist party with other prominent Labor MKs.

Sources close to Barak called the rumors "groundless speculation," noting that Ramon was lagging in the polls, far behind Barak, MK Yossi Beilin and Ben-Ami.

Man suspected of defrauding dozens of women remanded

Shimon Bar-Or, 41, of Herzliya, who is suspected of defrauding dozens of women out of their money by promising to marry them, was remanded for six days by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

According to the police, Bar-Or established contact with a woman in April, claiming he had been given her name by a marriage broker. Although he is married, he said he was divorced and was interested in marriage. He managed to establish a relationship with her and three weeks later convinced her to loan him money so they could set up a business together. She gave him NIS 117,000, all her savings.

As soon as he had the money, he broke off all contact with the women, who then found herself in financial difficulties, as she had also allowed him to use her credit card. That same month, he rented a villa in Herzliya, *using checks on his late father's account and* a bank in New Jersey, which he knew would bounce.

According to the police, dozens of women have *filed complaints* against Bar-Or since 1988. He apparently represented himself as an air force pilot and defrauded them after promising to marry them.

He was summoned for questioning in 1988, but failed to appear and fled the country, even though an order barring him from leaving had been issued. He is thought to have returned in 1994.

The police are uncertain how, given the order, he managed to leave the country and return. The police said they seek to have him charged with theft, fraud, forgery, and bribing a public official. Bar-Or maintained his innocence. (Itim)

PM backs Dead Sea tourism project

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday pledged NIS 12 million in government support for an ambitious NIS 1 billion tourism development project which has been on the drawing board for 10 years.

The project *in the Megilot* region of the northern Dead Sea will consist of a string of holiday *villages with a total of 6,000 hotel* rooms built around a lagoon.

Real estate developer Motti Zisser told Netanyahu that if the government provides the money, he and other investors – such as Ofer Brothers, Israel Resort Hotels, and Africa Israel – would be ready to start clearing land within 90 days.

Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav said that it was important for Netanyahu to receive first hand knowledge of income potential from tourism at a time when the government is involved in budget discussions.

Later, at a meeting with tourism industry representatives in Ein *Bokek, Netanyahu agreed to further* investments in tourist infrastructure. "We're putting down real money for infrastructure," he said. "This will mean an injection of jobs. It will create real employment."

Aware of the need for putting plans into action before the anticipated tourism boom in 2000, Netanyahu will meet with Katsav next week to map out a strategy for the provision of sufficient accommodation to meet the needs of the expected five million tourists.

Katsav is expected to again raise the issue of the Civil Aviation Authority's refusal to *permit foreign airlines to operate* more frequent flights. El Al president Joel Feldschuch pointed out that El Al is already at a disadvantage because of its high security costs and its inability to fly on Shabbat.

Eilat businessman Nahman Shechter, noting that casinos are operating in Taba, Akaba and soon in Jericho, asked whether it wasn't time to bring them to Israel.

Netanyahu's compromise solution was to upgrade the existing casino boats which pick up passengers in Eilat and have their gambling operations outside Israel's territorial waters.

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Germany seeks solution for Nazi slave-labor claims

German industry could compensate people forced to work as slave laborers under the Nazis by contributing to funds for Holocaust victims living in eastern Europe, the German government said yesterday.

German companies are seeking ways to pre-empt lawsuits on behalf of former slave workers and want the government to launch a new compensation fund they could pay into as well.

But Chancellor Helmut Kohl rejected the idea last week, saying the government had given enough compensation.

Instead, industry could channel money into funds for Holocaust victims in eastern Europe that the German government set up after the fall of communism, Kohl's spokesman, Otto Hauser, said yesterday.

Through the funds, Germany gave $840 million in one-time payments to people in the region who suffered under the Nazis, he said.

The government would sound out industry on its proposal once German courts have issued final verdicts on pending World War II slave labor cases, Hauser said on Deutschlandfunk radio.

Germany has paid tens of billions of dollars to compensate victims of the Nazi regime. But the government has refused to pay back wages to former slave laborers, arguing they were used by private companies.

Meanwhile, Austria may also face compensation claims from Holocaust survivors who worked as slave laborers for Austrian companies during Nazi rule.

No such claims are known to have been made in the recent past against Austrian companies.

Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal recalled yesterday he had sought compensation for Holocaust survivors as early as 1946 but was turned down by those Austrian enterprises who had used wartime slave labor.

Slave labor is only one of several Nazi-era issues which successive Austrian governments failed to address.

Other issues still unresolved 53 years after the collapse of Nazi rule include compensation for those whose companies were "Aryanized" by the Nazis and in some cases nationalized by the Austrian government after the war.

US attorney Edward Fagan is planning to meet executives of Austria's Creditanstalt bank to discuss ways of compensating Holocaust survivors whose gold was stolen by the Nazis and allegedly transferred by the bank to Turkey during the war.

Chancellor Viktor Klima was reported by Austrian media to have recommended to Creditanstalt executives to be cooperative in dealing with the compensation claims.

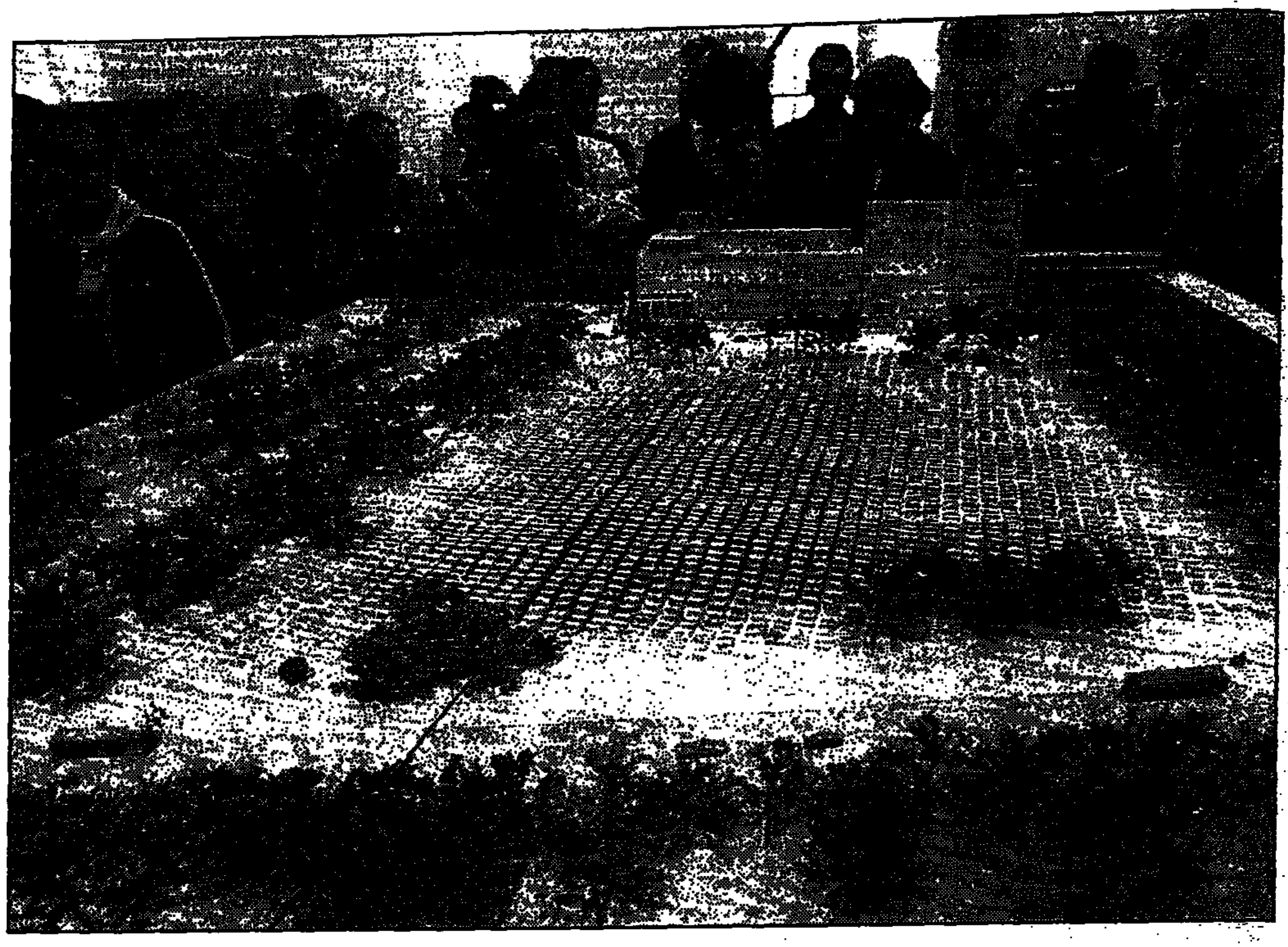
Both he and Vice Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessels suggested that Austrian companies should react "with the greatest possible openness" to claims from victims of Nazi terror.

In his statement, Wiesenthal said he first raised the compensation issue in 1946 when he served as president of the Jewish Central Committee for the American occupation zone in Austria.

He said people who authorized him to make the claims were then infirm workers forced to work in the Hermann Goering Werke, which after the war became the nationalized VOEST-Alpine iron and steel concern.

He asked those companies to make payments for work done by those forced to work for them as concentration camp inmates or as other slave laborers.

"The answers were all negative, with the most varying arguments in favor of rejection being advanced," he said. (AP)



Journalists get a first look yesterday at the model of Berlin's prospective Holocaust memorial, designed by American architect Peter Eisenman. The design, a labyrinth of more than 2,500 pillars resembling a cemetery, is one of four finalists in the competition. (AP)

Germany's Holocaust memorial design presented amid continued debate

By PAUL GEITNER

BERLIN (AP) – Germans got their first look at the leading design for a national Holocaust memorial yesterday, but when and whether it actually will be built remains an open question.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, the strongest promoter of the decade-old project, on Monday backed off his pledge to push ahead with it before national elections on September 27, saying he wanted to avoid turning such a "sensitive subject" into a campaign issue.

Challenger Gerhard Schroeder, who is leading in the polls, welcomed the delay. On German television Monday night, he said he is not against a memorial in principle, but isn't sure whether the chosen site and above all the scale of the project are appropriate.

"I think that these questions will now be widely discussed, and the Bundestag will participate," he said, referring to the lower house of parliament.

Lea Rosh, the head of the private initiative behind the project, called the delay "a declaration of bankruptcy" and said she fears a Schroeder victory could spell the end for the memorial.

But Andreas Nachama, the leader of Berlin's Jewish community, welcomed what he called a "pause for thinking," saying he doesn't believe it wise to rush the project through.

The four finalists were put on public display yesterday, as Berlin officials met to debate the project. The front-runner, favored by Kohl, is a labyrinth of more than 2,500 pillars resembling a cemetery. It is designed by US architect Peter Eisenman.

Although the Eisenman design has been significantly scaled down from the original proposal of 4,000 pillars, Mayor Eberhard Diepgen and other critics complain it is still too "monumental" and wrong for the site, just south of the historic Brandenburg Gate.

Researcher holds missing Anne Frank diary pages hostage

By WILLIAM J. KOLE

AMSTERDAM (AP) – In the dry, bookish world of World War II research, it's the closest thing to a hostage standoff.

A former employee of the Anne Frank Foundation who has five missing pages to *The Diary of Anne Frank* says he'll give them back – but only if fellow Dutch scholars promote his Holocaust research in the United States.

Cor Suijk's threats of academic blackmail in a television interview Monday evening have upset the Netherlands State Institute for War Documentation, which revealed the existence of the missing pages last week.

"We've asked a lawyer to try to find a way out of this," David Barnouw, spokesman for the war documentation center, said yesterday.

"I'm a little surprised," he added.

Suijk claims that Otto Frank, father of the young Jewish diarist whose account of hiding from the Nazis has become an international best-seller in 55 languages, gave him the pages shortly before his death in 1980.

Suijk, a longtime Anne Frank Foundation employee known to have been a close personal friend and confidante of Otto Frank, told RTL television Monday that the elder Frank made him promise the pages wouldn't be published until the entire family was dead.

The war documentation center, which wants the pages back so they can be included in the next edition of Anne's famed diary, contends that Otto Frank never intended to make a gift of them to Suijk.

The center, citing the diary copyright held by the Basel, Switzerland-based Anne Frank Fund, will say only that the handwritten pages appear to be authentic and contain Anne's "very critical" assessment of her parents' marriage.

Suijk, however, said their contents will be revealed Sept. 14 in a Dutch documentary about Anne's two years in hiding in a secret annex behind a movable bookcase in an Amsterdam canal house.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

FINANCING OF LOCAL ELECTIONS

1998

1. In accordance with the Local Authorities Law (Elections Financing) 1993, all factions and lists are entitled to receive funds for election expenses from the Treasury.
Funds will be granted to those factions and lists that comply with the law.

2. (a) The text of the law, the guidelines laid down by the State Comptroller and a detailed timetable, together with the forms for declarations, affidavits and other documents required by law, will be available from Thursday, August 27, 1998 at the following branches of the Ministry of the Interior:

Locality	Address	Contact
1. Jerusalem	Head office Kiryat Ben-Gurion	Ilana Nahari
2. Upper Nazareth	Ministry of the Interior, Government House	Seider Mira
3. Safed	50 Rehov Yerushalayim	Margalit Gabai
4. Tiberias	23 Rehov Alhadif	Merav Nadir
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10. Tel Aviv	Shalom Tower, Rehov Ahad Ha'am (15th fl.)	Zion Nagar
11. Beersheba	District office, 23 Derech Hanesi'im	Lea Elkayam
12. Ashkelon	District Center, City Hall	Rahel Weiner

(b) **The affidavits, declarations and documents must be submitted directly to the Minister** at the Financing of Local Elections Department, Ministry of the Interior, 24th floor, Shalom Tower, 9 Rehov Ahad Ha'am, Tel Aviv (elevators 6, 7 & 8), or via one of the officials listed above, by Sunday, September 13, 1998.

(c) All affidavits, declarations and documents must be submitted in two **copies.** One copy will be stamped as proof of submission and returned.

(d) The aforesaid regarding submission of declarations and affidavits does not apply to local factions of major national parties which will be dealt with within the framework of the national parties.

3. The main dates set by law are as follows:

Sept. 6, 1998	Last date for making changes in the composition of local councils (identification with parties).
Sept. 13, 1998	(1) Last date for **factions and national parties** to submit declarations (requests for financing) to the Minister of the Interior. (2) Last date for **factions and national parties** to announce the appointment of an auditor. (3) Last date for **factions** to submit a bank guarantee. Note: Bank guarantees may be submitted at a later date, in which case the advance will also be paid at a later date. Bank guarantees must be valid until August 11, 1999.
Oct. 20, 1998	(1) Last date for **lists** to submit declarations (requests for financing) to the Minister of the Interior. (2) Last date for **lists** to announce the appointment of an auditor. (3) Last date for **lists** to open a bank account and start keeping records and accounts. (4) Last date for **lists** to submit a bank guarantee. Bank guarantees must be valid until August 11, 1999.

4. **Attention mayors, heads of local councils and council members:** September 6, 1998 has been set as the last date for factions in local councils to identify themselves, in accordance with the Financing Law and with paragraph 25 of the Local Authorities Law (Elections) 1965. Local councils should therefore hold meetings to choose names for the factions, the number of the members and the delegates, by this date.

5. **Explanations**

1) For the purposes of financing, distinctions are made between:

A. Factions of a party serving in the 14th Knesset: Funding will be centralized and the faction will receive funds from the main party, which will distribute the money at its own discretion. All declarations and affidavits for the faction will be submitted by the main party.
B. Out-going factions in a local council which do not belong to a major party: These will submit declarations and affidavits for independent, direct funding.
C. Groups of voters which plan to submit lists of candidates for a local council (i.e. new lists), referred in this announcement as "lists."

2) Out-going factions in a local council must do the following by September 13, 1998:

A. Submission of Affidavits and Declarations
(1) Factions must inform the Minister of the Interior of the number of its members and their names by September 6, 1998. This affidavit must be signed by the faction's delegate or his/her deputy, and a copy sent to the head of the local authority. The Minister of the Interior must be given the names of at least two, and not more than eight, names of representatives authorized to act in the name of the faction in connection with this law. One of these representatives must be a member of the faction. Another representative must declare that he or she is thoroughly acquainted with the faction's financial situation and this must be confirmed by the faction.

(2) Factions must submit a declaration to the Minister of the Interior signed by all members of the faction stating that the faction has done everything necessary to ensure proper accounting of income and expenses during the period of the elections, in accordance with the regulations set down by the State Comptroller. (The regulations of the State Comptroller and the text of the law may be obtained with the application forms.) This form must also include a declaration by a representative that he or she is familiar with the faction's finances. The faction will also inform the Minister of the Interior of the number(s) of its bank account(s).

(3) The declaration described in the above paragraph must be signed in the presence of a lawyer.

B. Auditors
The name and address of the auditor appointed in accordance with paragraph 17 of the above law must be submitted to the Minister of the Interior together with the auditor's consent to serve in this position (the auditor's statement of consent will be submitted on a separate form). This regulation does not apply to local authorities in which the number of residents with the right to vote does not exceed 5,000.

C. Advances
(1) In accordance with paragraph 10 of the above law, advances will be paid to faction and lists, providing that they give the Minister of the Interior a bank guarantee valid until August 11, 1999, by which the bank undertakes to pay the Treasury the entire sum, or part of it, as the Minister of the Interior demands; the guarantee will be for the sum of the advance + 10%.
(2) Factions are entitled to request an advance of 60% of the financing to which they would be entitled if they were to win the same number of seats which they hold in the outgoing council.
(3) Lists are entitled to request an advance as if they had one representative on the outgoing council. Regarding the financing for one representative, see paragraph 7(a) of the law.

D. Restrictions Applying to Election Expenses
It is hereby made clear that the maximum which a faction or list may spend on elections is as follows (the greatest of the three):
(1) 200% of the amount of financing to which the party would be entitled were it to win the same number of seats which it holds in the outgoing council.
(2) 200% of the amount of financing to which the party will be entitled according to the number of seats it wins in these elections.
(3) 150% of the amount of financing to which the party would be entitled were it to win three seats in these elections.

E. Restrictions Applying to Income
(1) Contributions from companies in Israel or abroad may not be accepted, directly or indirectly.
(2) The maximum contribution which a person or household may make in the period between elections, directly or indirectly, is NIS 5,000.

3) Lists
(a) Lists which request financing may submit the affidavits and declarations listed above (request for financing) **before submitting a list of candidates to the elections clerk and will thus be entitled to an advance before submitting its list of candidates.**
(b) **The last date for lists to submit affidavits and declarations (request for financing) is October 20, 1998.**
(c) Lists must ensure that the person listed as their delegate as well as his or her deputy must be the same both on the list of candidates submitted (or to be submitted) to the elections clerk and on the request for financing.

4) Financing will not be given without the proper affidavits and declarations
(a) It is emphasized that new lists and existing factions on an outgoing council which fail to submit the request for financing, together with all the required affidavits and declarations, by the last date listed above, will not be entitled to financing even if they do win one or more seats.
(b) Lists and factions which have no interest in receiving an advance but are interested in receiving finance should they win one or more seats, must submit requests for financing on time. Lists and factions which do not submit said request on time will not be entitled to financing even if they do win one or more seats.

OPEN LINE ON ELECTIONS FINANCING

The Ministry of Interior is holding an open line on elections financing on Monday, August 31, 1998, between 3 and 6 p.m., Tel. 09-767-7251.

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Report: Many schools lack shelters

By AMY KLEIN and Jerusalem Post Staff

Some one-third of kindergarten and elementary school pupils have no bomb shelters in their buildings, and many of the rest have shelters that are insufficient, a study by the Union of Local Authorities in Israel showed.

The report found that 32% of elementary school pupils and 34% of kindergarten pupils have no shelters in their schools, and would have to be taken to nearby public shelters in the event of an emergency.

An additional 29% of schoolchildren and 14% of kindergarten children have only "partial" shelter, that is, shelters that cannot accommodate all the children studying in the facility.

In high schools, 14% of pupils had no shelters, while 44% had inadequate shelters.

Officials estimated that it would cost NIS 1 billion to equip schools lacking shelters with the proper protected areas.

In Jerusalem, meanwhile, the focus was on day-to-day school safety, a response to the death in June of Amelia Cohen, 9, who fell out of a school window.

"We have taken a personal accounting and we will repair the guard rails on all school windows," Mayor Ehud Olmert said yesterday, at the municipality's annual press conference marking the beginning of the academic year.

An additional 337 security guards will be stationed at schools in the capital, he added.

City Councillor Haim Miller, who holds the city's haredi education portfolio, rejected the Education Ministry's findings that two municipal workers were negligent and thus bore responsibility for Cohen's death.

"The Education Ministry is responsible for the school safety budget and should take responsibility for the negligence," he said.

Miller also said that haredi schools are overcrowded, understaffed, underfunded, and often suffer from decrepit facilities.

Olmert denied recent reports saying that haredim receive more than half the city's education funding.

Haredi schools, which account for 36.7% of the city's pupils, receive about a third of the educational budget, he said.

"There is no educational sector that suffers more that the haredi sector," said Olmert, on a tour of haredi schools.

Jerusalem's pupil population is exploding, Olmert said, noting that 45 percent of city residents are under 19.

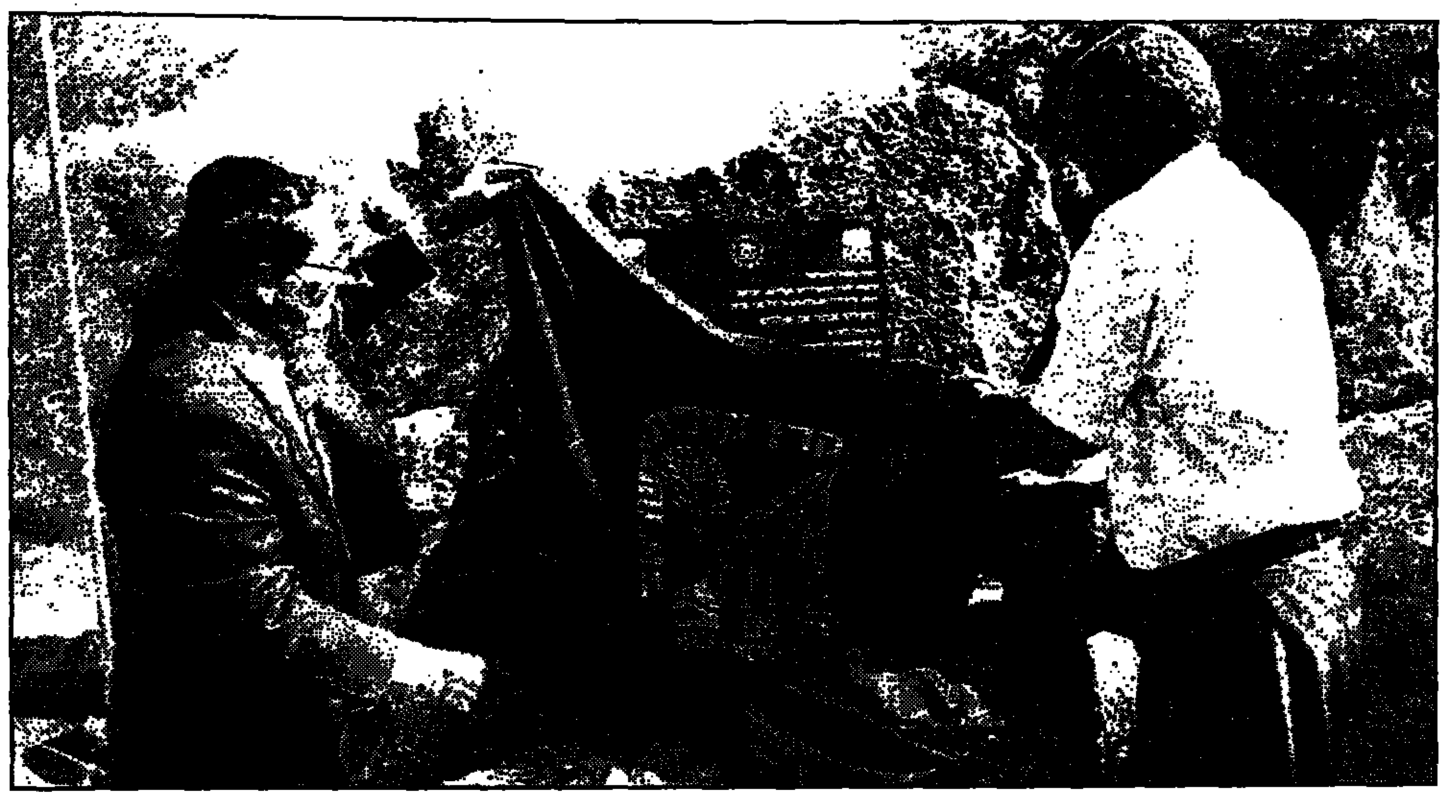
The Arab sector is getting a boost, said Olmert. In the last three years, 110 new classrooms have been built, as opposed to 12 between 1988-1992. Another 35 classrooms are still being built, and some 120 more are in the planning stages.

Four new schools will open in Jerusalem this year: in Pisgat Ze'ev, Ramot, Abu Tor and Beit Safafa.

Jerusalem pupils will be able to download assignments from their own Internet account provided by the municipality. In a darkened room, the municipality's updated web site was unveiled (http://www.jerusalem.muni.il). In addition to listing the various services available in Jerusalem, students will receive their own personal ID number and can communicate with their teachers and other students via the Internet.

In the last five years, 4,000 new computers were integrated into the Jerusalem school system, at a cost of over NIS 41 million, Olmert said.

The city's education budget for the upcoming year is close to NIS 1 billion, up 56 percent from five years ago, the city said.



Memorial rededicated

Tommy Baer (left), international president of B'nai B'rith, and Jewish National Fund chairman Shlomo Gravetz, unveil a plaque at yesterday's rededication of the Scroll of Fire memorial, in B'nai B'rith Martyr's Forest near Moshav Kisalon. The monument, whose erection in 1971 was sponsored by B'nai B'rith, was rededicated in honor of Israel's 50th anniversary.

(Ariel Jerozolimski)

Yekutieli launches 'Jerusalem Now' party

By AMY KLEIN

The former leader of Meretz in Jerusalem, Ornan Yekutieli, announced yesterday that he has formed a new party, Jerusalem Now, and is running for mayor.

Yekutieli was unhappy with the composition of the Meretz list and resigned three weeks ago to form a "non-political" party.

He had been involved with the Meretz and CRM parties for 20 years.

"Someone who is the head of a party with millions of shekels of financial and electoral support would have to be an idiot to resign unless he thought it was the right thing to do," said Yekutieli.

MK Naomi Chazan will run for mayor of Jerusalem on the Meretz list. She has termed Yekutieli's departure from Meretz "totally unfathomable."

Yekutieli's new party aims to combat religious coercion.

"Now is the fight for Jerusalem and only now. If we don't do it now, people will leave Jerusalem," said Yekutieli. "This is the last time that voters are choosing a way of life."

Except for Yekutieli, who heads the list, the other Jerusalem Now candidates have no political experience.

The list, which is still not ordered, includes Ofra Meirson, an educator and wife of Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan; Romi Aloni, a resident of Jerusalem who works with youth; Vaycheslav (Slava) Primisler 31, who emigrated from Russia eight years ago and owns a chain of utensils stores and Rony Hirschenson, a garage owner.

Hirschenson lost his son, Amir, in the Beit Lid terrorist attack in 1995, and founded an organization for bereaved parents.

Playing on Chazan's statement: "If I run, I run to win," Yekutieli said he does not think he will win. "People are not blind," he said. "I'm running in order to get people to vote."

New 'global weather law' could help forecasters

By JUDY SIEGEL

Although the weather seems in recent years to have gone crazy, scientists in Ramat Gan, Germany and Italy say they have found a method in the madness.

Weather is influenced by things that occurred a year – and even 10 years – ago, they say.

Prof. Shlomo Havlin of Bar-Ilan University and colleagues at the University of of Giessen, University of Milan and Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research published their findings in the latest issue of the American Institute of Physics' prestigious journal *Physical Review Letters*, and insist that weather "has a memory."

The discovered a "new global law" that shows weather "remembers" its previous behavior – meaning that a hotter-than-average day can affect the weather even years later.

This discovery will, says Havlin, improve advanced models of weather forecasting.

"We don't have a proven and exact explanation for the phenomenon we discovered," he continued, "but we have indications that the fact that weather remembers its previous behavior over many years is based on the influence of the oceans and large seas on the atmosphere."

The research, based on data from 14 meteorological stations around the world over decades and even centuries, found that the new law is relevant at each location.

Havlin, who is president of the Israel Physics Society and head of the Minerva Institute for Chaotic Systems at Bar-Ilan, heads a team that is developing computer programs on science for high school pupils. The weather research received financial support from the Germany-Israel Foundation.

Although there seems to be nothing reliable about the weather, Havlin and his colleagues detected a very long-range consistency they called "the persistence of weather."

Their research was the most thorough multi-year study ever conducted of correlations in daily temperature records by applying techniques from modern statistical physics.

What they do, in effect, is to ask: if the weather is sunny and warm today, what are the chances of it being the same tomorrow, the next day and after x days?

Choosing 14 meteorological stations around the world randomly and factoring out seasonal effects by comparing not temperatures but departures from the average daily temperature, they were able to find persistent rhythms of temperature.

As expected, they observed that after x days, the weather is less likely to be similar to that on day one.

But the particular mathematical shape did not conform to previous expectations: the falloff is not exponential in nature, but the number of days are raised to a specific exponent.

This behavior, with one universal exponent, seems to occur around the world and can be regarded as a "global weather law," Havlin explained.

NEWS
in brief

High court rejects petition against Hoter-Ishai

The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition by the Movement for Quality Government against the appointment of attorney Dror Hoter- Yishai as the Israel Bar Association's representative to the committee that appoints judges.

The movement argued that because Hoter-Ishai has been charged with contempt of court for statements against judges, he should not be able to serve on the committee.

At the start of the session, Justices Shlomo Levin, Eliahu Matza, and Hanoch Ariel asked Hoter-Yishai whether he would be willing to resign from the committee if he is convicted. Hoter-Yishai answered in the affirmative, and therefore the petition was dismissed. *Itim*

Yavin's salary cut satisfies High Court

The High Court of Justice yesterday dismissed a petition by MK Avraham Poraz (Shinui) against the salary agreement signed between newscaster Haim Yavin and the Israel Broadcasting Authority. On Monday, the IBA informed the court that Yavin had agreed to a 40 percent reduction in his salary, which will now stand at $15,393 a month. In light of this, Justices Shlomo Levin, Eliahu Matza, and Hanoch Ariel decided that the petition was superfluous. *Itim*

Worker killed in wall collapse

A foreign construction worker was killed yesterday when a wall collapsed at a building site on Rehov Nahalat Binyamin in Tel Aviv. Police said that it is still uncertain why the accident occurred. *Itim*

Syrian brides reunited with husbands on Heights

The Interior Ministry has approved the entry of 13 brides from Syria, so that they may join their husbands, Druse residents of the Golan Heights.

Seven brides from Syria entered the Golan Heights yesterday through through the Kuneitra crossing; on September 3, another six brides will arrive. Interior Minister Eli Suissa, who had promised to address the issue during his visit to the Golan Heights in March, said he hopes this step will help advance relations and peace with Syria. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Bicycle rider dies when hit by truck

Vadim Kotlerov, 59, of Tel Aviv, was struck and killed by a truck while riding his bicycle in the city on Monday night. Police were searching for the truck driver who fled the scene. *Itim*

Manbar lawyers talk to police

Dror Arad-Ayalon, who handled convicted traitor Nahum Manbar's case in attorney Amnon Zichroni's office, was questioned for several hours by police yesterday as they continued to check into possible improprieties during Manbar's trial. Zichroni was questioned yesterday for the third time.

Police said that next week, after Shai Bazak, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's former spokesman, gives his evidence, the special investigative unit will summarize its findings, and present them to the attorney-general two weeks later. A senior police source said it is two early to determine whether they would have to open a criminal investigation. *Itim*

Peddler stabs woman

A junk peddler stabbed a Tel Aviv woman yesterday afternoon in her home when she refused to buy anything from him.

The woman, around 60, whose wounds were moderate to serious, was taken to Ichilov Hospital. *Itim*

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Devaluing Boris

Column One

Thomas O'Dwyer

Did the president lie? Just over a week ago, he stood in the ancient city of Novgorod and bellowed at his audience that the ruble certainly would not be devalued, nor would he be cutting short his vacation to return to Moscow, as if there was some alleged crisis afoot.

Within 24 hours, battling Boris Yeltsin was back in Moscow, and the ruble was down the drain. It was swiftly followed by the entire Russian government (except Boris) gurgling its way down the political plughole for the second time in five months.

And back to the Russians bounced Viktor Chernomyrdin, like a rubber ball in the mouth of Boris, the playful old hound. We may be forgiven for asking if this is any way to run a country.

German bankers may be forgiven for mopping a collective perspiring brow at the thought of the $30 billion Russia owes them. The ruble expressed its confidence in Chernomyrdin by falling another 10 percent yesterday – it will soon have plunged as many points as the president's popularity.

Tank top

It seems only yesterday that our newspaper's foreign pages were full of political obituaries for Chernomyrdin, and analyses of what the virtually unknown new prime minister, Sergei Kiryenko, might be thinking.

Britain's Harold Wilson once said a week is a long time in politics – in Russia it seems more like the span of a lifetime career for some. (Kiryenko must belong to a rare group of prime ministers who can be the same age when they enter and leave office.)

On the other hand, it seems another era has passed since we saw a debonair and courageous Boris Yeltsin adjust his tie for the cameras, and then climb on top of a tank in central Moscow to face down the might of military plotters trying to restore Communist rule. That was 1991, and he has been Mr. Russia since. If he had any hope of quitting as a winner, he should have quit then.

There remains a possibility that an increasingly erratic Yeltsin could make another bid for the presidency in 2000 – stop the millennium, cry the Russians, we want to get off. Depression stalks Moscow's streets as it once did in the twilight gray Communist world. In those days Russians had little hope but lots of security. Today most have few hopes and no security. The rich get richer and the rest get nothing – not even the wages for their jobs or the pensions for their past labors.

Ins and outs

Since there is no government revenue coming in to finance essential government spending, one of the aims of the late Kiryenko government was to halt tax dodging by Russia's huge monopolies. Judging by the barely concealed glee of the monopolies – Gazprom shares climbed by 20 percent on Monday – the tax reform plan probably exited in Kiryenko's briefcase.

Yeltsin said he brought Chernomyrdin back to restore confidence, raising the question of why he fired him in March – to crush confidence? Now there was a success story.

The confidence Yeltsin is seeking to reawaken is not that of the tortured Russian people, but of the shadowy financial monsters who all but bought the president's last election victory and who are the real shadow cabinet behind the revolving-door outfit that comes and goes on a whim.

If the battling Boris of '91 has been devalued out of all recognition into a weary, incoherent and useless wreck, there is no sign of any post-modern Russian hero on the horizon to usher in a new month, much less a new millennium.

On the contrary, after two leaders beloved by the West (Mikhail Gorbachev and Yeltsin) and eventually loathed by Russians, the voters might be forgiven for re-trying an old formula – a leader hated by the West and capable of putting the boot in at home.

Shadow dancers

Yeltsin may have anointed Chernomyrdin his successor, but that could well be the kiss of death for Viktor, who announced his candidacy for president after he was last fired. Potential candidates have danced in and out of Yeltsin's shadow on the shifting sand dunes of Russian politics – here yesterday, gone today, back tomorrow. Some deserve a hearty good riddance, like Vlad-the-Impaler Zhirinovsky, who collected a derisory five percent vote in the 1996 election.

Others, like the dour former general, Alexander Lebed, who sits brooding over his vast governorship of Krasnoyarsk, Siberia, will certainly return. So will Yuri Luzkhov, the successful mayor of Moscow.

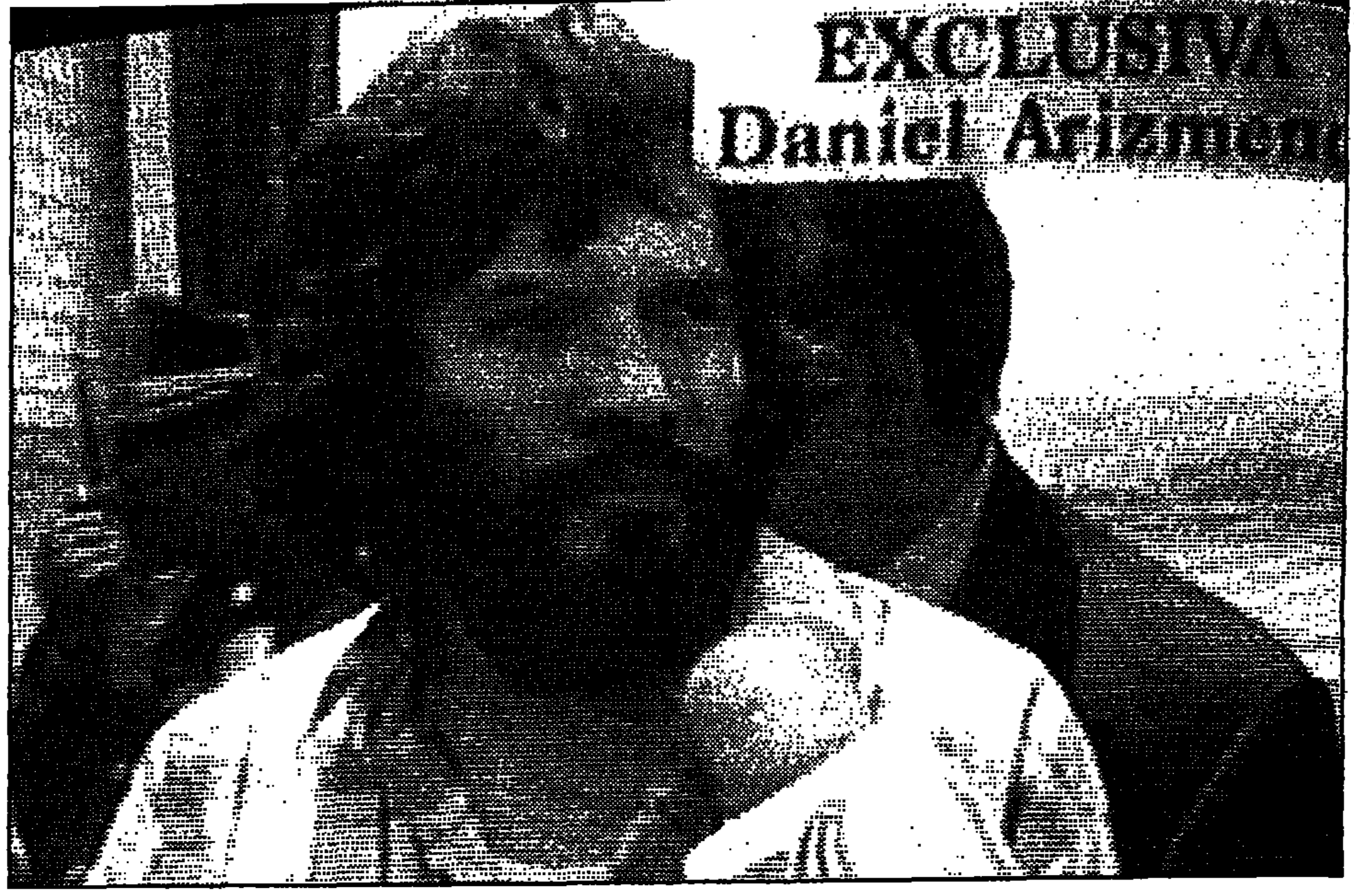
Interestingly both are Leftist, both are authoritarian, and like the current front-runner, Communist leader Gennadi Zyuganov, neither care for economies that are not centrally controlled.

That's the pick of the bunch – not too bad, but they possess worrying tendencies that a taste of power can only enhance. And if the really old guard were to stage a return, this time there would be no Boris to climb on a tank. One to fall off, sure, but that's it.

Teach to screech

In Mexico, business is thriving for companies that teach executives how to elude criminals

By KEN GUGGENHEIM



Recently apprehended Daniel Arizmendi Lopez, Mexico's most feared kidnapper, terrorized Mexico City, which is already reeling from a crime wave. Companies such as O'Gara Services teach clients to become tough targets so criminals such as Lopez will pick on someone else. (AP)

PACHUCA, Mexico – It's what driver's education would be like if your instructor was James Bond.

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Crime is rising in Mexico and business is thriving for companies that teach executives, their families and chauffeurs how to elude kidnappers, robbers and other criminals.

In the last 1½ years, about 1,000 students have taken the course offered by O'Gara Services – three or four times the number in the first 3½ years it was offered, said Jorge Navarro, the training director.

No school can guarantee its students will not become victims.

Instead O'Gara and its competitors strive to teach clients to become tough targets so criminals will pick on someone else.

"There are many more easy victims than difficult ones," Navarro said. "Once you decide to become a difficult victim, it's impressive how your risks are reduced." The price of becoming a "difficult victim" is steep.

O'Gara, a division of Kroll-O'Gara Co. of Fairfield, Ohio, charges the equivalent of $900 a person for a one-day course for executives and their relatives and $1,400 for a two-day course for chauffeurs.

Other companies offer similar courses and prices tend to fluctuate with the level of training. Security consultant Richard P. Wright holds extensive training courses near Tucson, Arizona, that includes actual crashes. "We destroy two or three vehicles per course," he said. The three-day class for executives costs $3,500; the six-day course for chauffeurs costs $5,500.

"Our philosophy is a little knowledge is dangerous," he said. "People learn a little bit, but not enough, and they get themselves into trouble." Wright said his clients are mostly Mexicans, but other companies train a large number of foreigners based in Mexico.

Most participants in O'Gara's course work for multinational corporations and about 40 percent of the executives are foreigners, Navarro said.

THE O'Gara course begins in a hotel in Pachuca, about 95 kilometers northeast of Mexico City where students are taught to identify dangerous situations and get out of them.

"Simply, we put order to the common sense that everyone already has," Navarro said.

That means learning to identify suspicious people or situations when a driver might be vulnerable – approaching a narrow bridge, for example, when there is no room to maneuver.

Avoiding problems can be as simple as pretending to talk to police by cellular phone or slowly approaching traffic lights instead of coming to a complete stop.

When the threat is more imminent, it could be as extreme as backing up suddenly, spinning around and speeding off.

That's where the main part of the training kicks in. It takes place on a sun-beaten auto racetrack a few kilometers away. Drivers learn what to do if precautions fail and they have just moments to react to danger.

The first exercises include weaving through highway cones and learning to stop suddenly and swerve to avoid obstacles.

By day's end, the exercises become more difficult. In one, the drivers' vision is obscured by a companion holding a plastic plate. The driver moves forward at about 50 kph while the companion holds the steering wheel, keeping the car straight.

When instructors wave a flag, the plate is yanked away and the driver suddenly sees road cones immediately ahead. In a split second, the driver must decide whether to swerve right or left or stop and back up. Meanwhile, O'Gara staffers pretending to be assassins fire away with paint pellets.

On a recent afternoon, Roberto, a bodyguard-chauffeur working for a large Mexican company, nervously awaited his first exercise. Like some of the other 10 participants that day, he was driving a rental car. His boss didn't want to damage a company car.

IN the distance, the flag dropped and Roberto took off. His two passengers swayed from side to side as he swerved around the cones. He didn't knock any cones over, but an instructor found a minor flaw: He was squeezing the steering wheel too tightly.

Turns tend to be smoother when the driver is relaxed.

He continued from one exercise to the next, his speed and confidence growing with each lap. Soon it was a game.

"Whoooaaa," he hollered, laughing. "Let's go boys!" His reaction wasn't unusual. Despite the serious purpose of the training, the exercises often seem like amusement park rides.

"Very important people turn into little children here," Navarro said. (AP)

Smog leaves Parisian kids gasping for breath

By DEBORAH SEWARD

PARIS – Sunny weather means smog in Paris, where traffic fumes not only leave small children gasping for breath, but also are blamed for rising emergency room admissions for bronchial ailments and asthma.

The issue has gained increased attention with the entrance of the Green Party into the governing coalition, and from the release of well publicized studies highlighting what many Parisians already sensed: The air they breathe is filthy and dangerous.

"We feel it more and more," said Helene Carlier, whose baby has been hospitalized once for bronchitis and whose other two children frequently suffer conjunctivitis.

On peak pollution days Carlier tries to keep her children indoors.

"It's dangerous for them and for me, too," she said.

A survey in late April by the IFOP polling firm for *Elle* magazine said air pollution is by far the biggest ecological concern of urban women.

Watching traffic crawling down a boulevard next to the park where her kids play, Carlier said: "It's a question of becoming aware of it. The French really didn't have that before."

The fumes coming from all those cars, buses and trucks blanket the City of Light with the same blight afflicting urban areas from Singapore to St. Petersburg to San Francisco.

But Carlier, a lifelong Parisian, wouldn't dream of abandoning her beloved city for a leafy suburb.

"They need to limit the number of cars allowed into the city. It's very irritating," she said.

An estimated 3 million cars enter Paris every day, and they are the major cause of the yellow haze that veils the city during major pollution alerts.

"The car is king," said Dr. Manuel Maidenberg, a pediatrician who belongs to Respirer ("Breathe"), a group of doctors studying the effects of air pollution in Paris. "The number of cars must be reduced and urban transportation improved."

A major study conducted by the Paris area Regional Health Observatory found emergency admissions to hospitals for asthmatic children jumps 30 percent during maximum pollution alerts.

The report, based on research in 1991-95 and released earlier this year, said pollution is producing a "damaged generation" susceptible to chronic illnesses.

A study in 1996-97 by Maidenberg and about 100 other doctors found that 42% of 250,000 visits to Paris pediatricians were for respiratory problems.

Allergies, bronchitis, chronic coughing and conjunctivitis are among ailments on the rise.

Serious pollution alerts tend to occur when the weather is at its best, those stretches of glorious sunny days when there is little or no wind.

The cloudless weather means there is no rain or moisture to wash away or absorb auto emissions. Without wind, the toxic fumes stagnate in thick smog over Paris and other French cities.

Last October, after a maximum smog alert, the national government for the first time imposed temporary restrictions in Paris that limited cars with odd and even license plate numbers to driving on alternate days.

Although the measure helped reduce pollution, it caused huge traffic jams and frustrated commuters who were crammed into subway and commuter trains.

Officials are studying other measures, such as more public transport, increasing the number of bicycle paths and further tax reductions for cars with cleaner engines.

"People are more and more aware of the problem," said Maidenberg. "But they have very few choices." (AP)

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Blair recalls parliament to pass anti-terror laws

OMAGH, Northern Ireland (AP) – Prime Minister Tony Blair, standing near the spot where a bomb killed 28 people, said yesterday that he was recalling Parliament to enact new legislation intended to lock up terrorists.

Blair said both houses of Parliament would be recalled next Wednesday and Thursday, just before President Clinton's visit to Northern Ireland.

Under the proposed laws, suspected bombers and gunmen could be jailed for belonging to an illegal organization based on the testimony of a police officer.

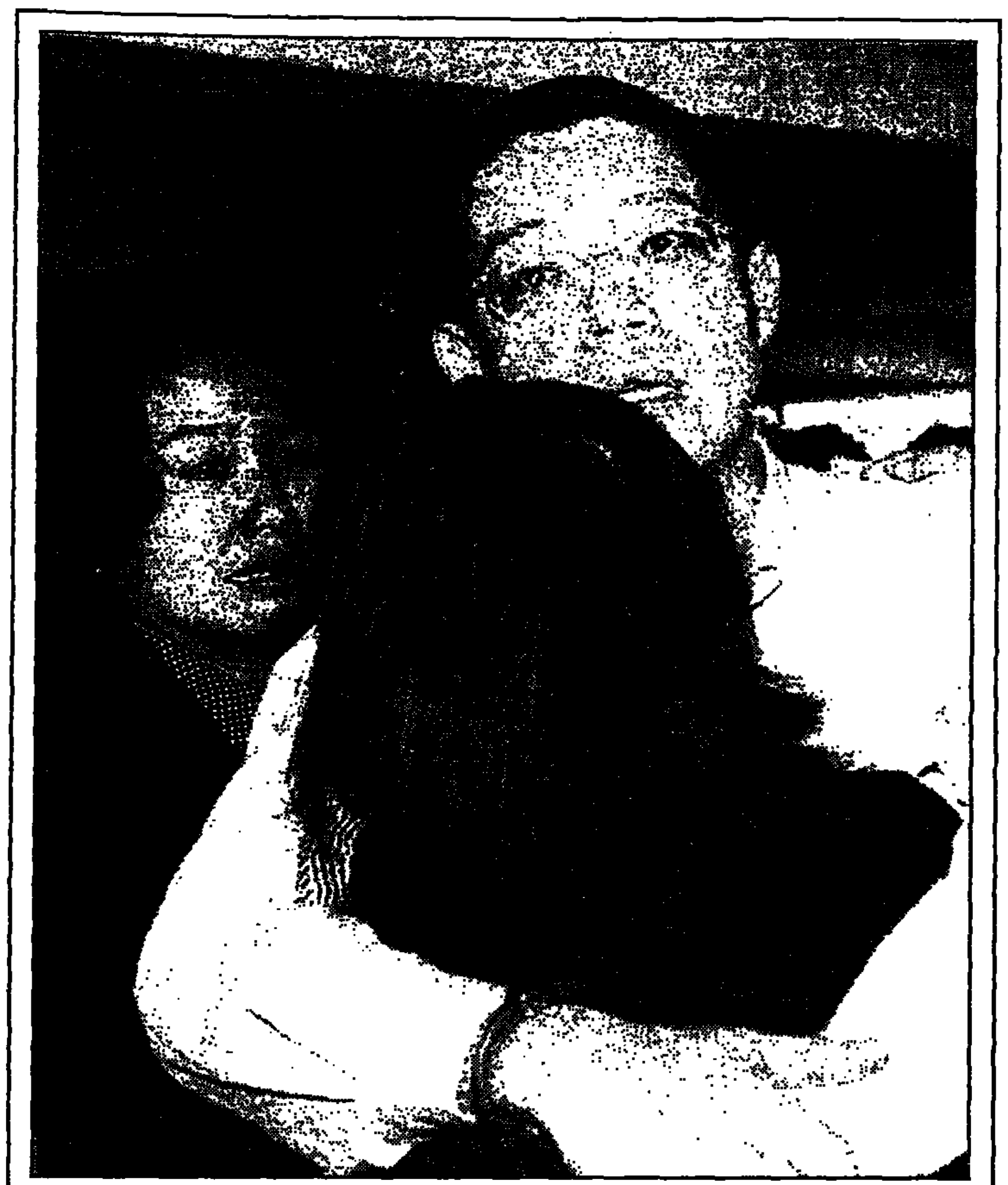
The legislation would apply only to organizations named in the legislation. Blair did not list them in his announcement.

"The days of the men of violence must be consigned to the past where they belong," Blair said, standing at the crossroads bombed on Aug. 15 by the so-called Real IRA, a splinter group which has refused to join in the Irish Republican Army's cease-fire.

Sinn Fein, the IRA's political ally, said Blair's proposed legislation was a "massive overreaction" that could jeopardize the peace process.

"The great danger in introducing these measures is that we could have a situation developing which could have great and serious implications for the peace agreement and Sinn Fein's role within it," Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein spokesman, said in a British Broadcasting Corp. television interview.

The Irish and British legislation is aimed at dissident groups who failed to endorse the Northern Ireland peace agreement accepted by the Irish Republican Army and Sinn Fein. Those groups include the Real IRA, which admitted it planted the Omagh bomb.



Malaysian opposition leader starts jail sentence

Malaysian opposition leader Lim Guan Eng (c) bids farewell to family members before he is driven away in a police car in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. The Federal Court rejected Lim's appeal against his sentence for sedition and publishing false news. Lim, national chairman of *the Democratic Action Party (DAP) Socialist Youth, will serve two 18-month jail sentences* concurrently. (Reuters)

Ruble tumbles as new PM plans future

By News Agencies

MOSCOW – Russia's ruble suffered its worst fall in nearly four years yesterday as acting Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin scrambled to put together a government.

President Boris Yeltsin, who sacked the entire government on Sunday for failing to end Russia's deep financial crisis, issued an order to the departing government to continue working until the new team was formed.

But the ruble fell after Russia's top debt negotiator, Anatoly Chubais, who is influential in the West, said any government indecision now could cause serious new economic damage.

The ruble, allowed to devalue last week, fell 10 percent, to 7.88 from 7.14 to the dollar yesterday after trading was twice suspended – the worst fall in a single day since plunging on what became known as Black Tuesday in October 1994.

Ten days ago it was at about 6.2 to the dollar.

"People don't want rubles, it's just that simple," said Dirk Damrau, head of research at MFK Renaissance finance house. "Once this starts, it will continue."

Chernomyrdin, back in his old job after five months in the political wilderness, has said that supporting the ruble is among his chief policy goals.

Yesterday he promised to re-focus economic reforms as he sought to win parliamentary approval and form a new government.

"It's unlikely that we need to remodel completely," he said in an interview as he returned to the job he held from 1992 until March this year. "However, we must deal with a lot of things."

Yeltsin's erratic decisions have raised questions about his leadership and ability to hold on to power.

"The Russian president has once again demonstrated his famed unpredictability," the newspaper *Izvestia* said. "It turned out that he was not changing horses in midcourse, but changing parachutes *during a jump* – which, it goes without saying, is a risky matter."

Yeltsin ended a five-week holiday on Monday. During his last two public appearances in the past 10 days he has at times seemed confused.

"It is now clear that Russia not only has no government – it has no president either," *Kommersant Daily* wrote yesterday.

The Russian president, meeting visiting Vietnamese President Tran Duc Luong, dismissed fears about his health.

"Now everything is fine," he said.

The Vietnamese leader said Yeltsin looked "younger than in photographs," to which a smiling Yeltsin replied that the fault lay with the photographers, not his health.

In an interview published in *Komsomolskaya Pravda* yesterday, Chernomyrdin said he would change sacked prime minister Sergei Kiriyenko's course.

"The priorities will be: first, the defense of social interests of the population, the paying of pensions and salaries," he said, "and second, a government industrial policy, since purely monetary means did not pull Russia out of crisis."

Critics have said that it was Chernomyrdin's past policy of unrealistic budgets and continuous support of inefficient industries that precipitated the current crisis.

However, his call for more support to state industry will certainly win a sympathetic ear of the Communists and other hard-liners *in parliament.*

"There are many reasonable people in the Duma whose political support I'm counting on," Chernomyrdin was quoted as saying. The Duma, the opposition-led lower house of parliament, must approve his appointment as prime minister.

But this policy will be resisted by the young free-market reformers who had led the country since Yeltsin fired Chernomyrdin in March.

One reformer who says he wants no part of the new government, Boris Nemtsov, 38, bitterly criticized Chernomyrdin in an interview released yesterday.

"Chernomyrdin never even tried to cut spending. He used credits like a drug," Nemtsov told Germany's news weekly *Stern*. "If Chernomyrdin says now that he can save the country, it is just a joke."

Moscow still had not announced terms, expected yesterday morning, *of a restructuring of about $40* billion worth of domestic debt, having delayed the plan twice in the past week.

Chernomyrdin continued talks *with parliamentary parties* yesterday on forming a government and was apparently considering opposition demands for a broad coalition.

As analysts fretted about the further decline of the Russian economy, two Russian cosmonauts and a former defense adviser to Yeltsin, Yuri Baturin, landed safely in the Kazakh steppe from the Mir space station.

Chernomyrdin's return created a bizarre space time warp for returning commander Talgat Musabayev and flight engineer Nikolai Budarin, *who went into orbit 207 days ago.*

Both men went into orbit before Chernomyrdin left office in March and missed Kiriyenko's term, only to find Chernomyrdin back at the helm *on their return.*

Rebels: Foreigners bombing Rwandan cities

GOMA, Congo (AP) – Angolan and *Zimbabwean fighter planes* supporting the government of Congo's President Laurent Kabila have bombed a rebel-held city and continue to attack rebels forces southwest of the capital, rebels said yesterday.

Kisangani, Congo's third largest city, was attacked early in the day, said rebel spokesman Bizima Karaha, Kabila's former foreign minister. The city fell to the rebels on Sunday.

"No military objectives were hit, only civilian targets," Karaha said. "They cannot recapture Kisangani, only bomb it from the air. This is terrorism."

Karaha said the commander of the Zimbabwean Air Force was in Kinshasa personally issuing orders *to Angolan and Zimbabwean* pilots.

In Harare, senior Zimbabwean officials confirmed that Air Force Commander Perence Shiri is in Congo and has assumed command of the allied forces.

Karaha said on Monday the aircraft bombed rebel frontline positions for an hour at Kasangulu, 30 kilometers southwest of Kinshasa, before the rebels repelled a ground attack from an Angolan unit.

"All they are doing is sending planes to bomb innocent civilians. *We hold* Zimbabwe and Angola responsible," he said.

He also called on the international community to stop the killing.

Clintonites ponder how to revive a wounded presidency

ANALYSIS

By MIKE FEINSILBER

WASHINGTON (AP) – Overnight last week, President Bill Clinton switched from confessor-in-chief *to commander-in-chief. Now* Clinton and advisers are wrestling with how to keep the nation focused over the long haul on his leadership rather than his indiscretions with *Monica Lewinsky.*

Their answer, although skeptics abound, is to get back to popular basics. Advisers say Clinton is strongest when he is among the people, pushing down-to-earth solutions to everyday concerns.

They expect him to doggedly follow that course after his Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, vacation *ends and* when he returns from a week's foreign travel that also will have the benefit of casting him in a presidential light.

"Clinton is not going to be incapacitated by this incident," predicts Colorado Governor Roy Romer, chairman of the *Democratic National Committee,* who expects the president to come out "full force fighting for those values he has been fighting for."

White House adviser Paul *Begala also says Clinton won't* give up pushing for health maintenance reform and for money to repair and replace old schools and hire 100,000 more teachers.

"As Al Jolson and Ronald Reagan said, 'You ain't seen nothing yet,'" Begala said, predicting that – scandal or no scandal – Clinton will emerge by the time *Congress quits for the year with a* string of victories on matters of moment to Main Street America.

Outside the inner circle, observers are not so sanguine. Some doubt that any strategy can get Clinton back on the initiative after he belatedly admitted an *inappropriate* relationship with Lewinsky, a former White House intern.

They view his presidency as virtually over, able only to react to events, such as the African embassy bombings that led to last week's widely supported US military attacks in Sudan and Afghanistan.

Former House Republican leader *Bob Michel said Clinton* crippled himself by the need to admit that he had misled the nation for seven months on his relationship with Lewinsky.

"What he did he's never going to be able to escape," Michel said.

Clinton would be wise to lie low *for the time being and "reflect on* his relationship to the voters," said David Gergen, who has been a communications adviser to three Republican administrations as well as to Clinton.

Ultimately, he said, the president may find it useful to return to the nation with a fuller exposition on his relationship with Lewinsky *and his lack of candor with the* country. Some have suggested a one-on-one television interview reminiscent of his 1992 *60 Minutes* appearance; it had the *effect of neutralizing questions* about his relationship with Gennifer Flowers, who said she had a 12-year affair with Clinton and that his gubernatorial office in Arkansas helped her get a state job.

Mark Mellman, a Democratic *pollster, said Clinton would regain* his footing by going to the country promoting health, education and Social Security proposals.

Just as Richard Nixon did with a *tour of the Middle East in the troubled* summer of 1974, Clinton will seek succor overseas.

Next week he flies to Russia, which is threatened by a worsen*ing political* and *financial crisis* and needs a friend. He also visits Northern Ireland and Ireland, where he is wildly popular and will be greeted as a peacemaker.

But foreign travel didn't do much for Nixon. Investigators kept investigating in his absence.

Two months later, Nixon was forced to resign.

Texans scramble for safety as deluge hits

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) – Ned Carta made himself a promise: If rising water from *the creek* reached his back fence, he wasn't sticking around to see what happened next.

In the dark morning the raging San Felipe Creek *lapped at his* back door. "I just packed up my wife and baby and we loaded up. The water was up to my headlights," Carta said.

Much of the family's possessions were lost in the fast-rising water, but they were the lucky ones. At least seven died in this border town of 34,000 people, and 30 were still missing today.

State troopers and Border Patrol agents searched devastated neighborhoods along the creek this morning, looking for the missing.

State game wardens in boats *searched the flooded creek.*

Many streets remained closed, but some people were allowed to check on their homes.

In addition to the deaths here, the Mexican government said three people were killed in Ciudad Acuna, across the border, and four were missing.

Greek job-seekers no longer have to swear to God

ATHENS (AP) – Greeks may no longer have to swear to God to get a government job, it was reported yesterday.

But they won't be able to work in the some parts of the public sector if their religious beliefs don't let them use weapons or computers.

According to a decision issued Monday by Greece's highest administrative court, the Council of State, people seeking a job in the civil or military services may soon be offered an alternative to the mandatory religious oath.

The decision is expected to set a precedent for all public sector jobs. A declaration of allegiance to the constitution and country will remain compulsory.

It could also further bolster a growing debate for a constitutional amendment to fully separate church from state.

Greece's Orthodox Church is recognized as the country's official religion and strongly influences public life. More than 90 percent of the country's 10.2 million people are baptized into the church.

7 indicted in plot to kill Castro

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN

WASHINGTON (AP) – Seven Cuban-Americans were indicted by a federal grand jury yesterday on charges of plotting to kill Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Justice Department spokesman John Russell said the indictment was returned by a federal grand jury in San Juan, Puerto Rico. But he did not immediately provide details of the charges or identify *the defendants.*

In Miami last Thursday, attorneys for two leaders of the Cuban American National Foundation said they expected to be indicted *this week in connection with an alleged plot to kill Castro* during a trip to Venezuela's Margarita Island.

The attorneys for the foundation's president, Francisco Hernandez, and Jose Antonio Llama, a member of the lobbying group's executive committee, would not say specifically what charges they expected to be filed.

Castro himself has accused the Cuban American National Foundation of plotting to kill *him.*

An investigation began in October when the US Coast Guard stopped the 14-meter) vessel *La Esperanza* off Puerto Rico and *found* weapons, ammunition, and military supplies.

One of the four Cuban exiles aboard the boat allegedly blurted out that the men were on their way to Margarita to assassinate Castro, who was to participate in a summit meeting.

Records showed that one of two *sniper rifles seized on the boat* was purchased by Hernandez and that the yacht was registered to Llama, authorities said.

Castro's government has *repeatedly accused the foundation* and its members of financing armed attacks against Cuba. The group maintains it works peacefully for democracy on the island.

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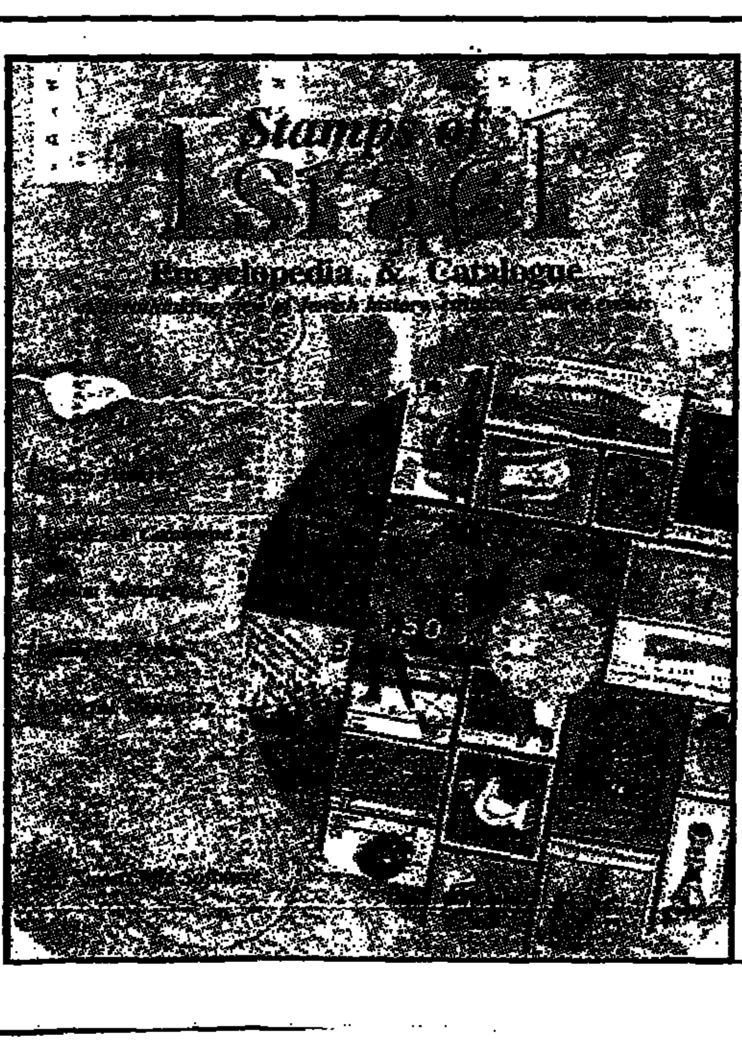

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Anti-US rally in Indonesia

A student wearing a mask shakes his fist in protest outside the US Embassy in Jakarta yesterday. Demonstrators protested against the US missile strikes on alleged terrorists in Sudan and Afghanistan. (AP)

Australian youth walk out of classes in the fight against racism

By **PAULINE HANSON and MICHAEL PERRY**

SYDNEY - Australia's children are crying out for their future.

In unprecedented scenes, thousands of school children have twice walked out of classes to stage protests against far right politician Pauline Hanson and her anti-immigration One Nation party and what they say is its racist agenda.

Young Australians are regularly in the front line of rowdy, and at times violent, anti-Hanson protests around the nation.

University students have also staged protests against racism and Prime Minister John Howard's government, which they accuse of failing to combat Hanson and adopting anti-youth policies.

Behind the angry protests lies despair among young Australians about their future, fueled by record youth unemployment and one of the world's highest suicide rates.

After being politically dormant for more than a decade, young Australians have returned to the streets to defend their future and demand that political leaders take a stand against a rising tide of racism and intolerance.

"The emergence of One Nation is a threat to Australia – it is scaring me and scaring a lot of other high school students," 13-year-old Emma To told Reuters.

"Pauline Hanson is threatening my future," To said.

On July 24, To walked out of Sydney's Glebe High School carrying a placard condemning racism and One Nation and its anti-immigrant, anti-Aboriginal policies.

To, the daughter of Hong Kong Chinese migrants, joined thousands of other school students to march from Sydney's Town Hall to the prime minister's office, chanting "Migrants are welcome, racists are not."

"Racism made me angry and I decided I should protest against it," To said. "My parents did similar things back in the '70s and '60s and they agree with what I am protesting against."

Danny Fairfax, 16, from Sydney's Fort Street High said: "Just because we don't vote doesn't mean the way the world is run doesn't affect us. But since we can't vote, this is one form of getting our message across."

School students say they are fearful that One Nation, which has become a third force in Australian politics behind the government and the Labor opposition, is leading Australia toward a less tolerant society.

"If we protest then the carers, the mums and dads and teachers and principals, may see that the students are right – that racism is disgusting, that it is a disease and it will spread," said 16-year-old Kieran Barley.

In a rundown building opposite a brewery in Sydney's inner western suburbs, a broken sign hangs above a locked front door declaring in large letters "Resistance" – the youth arm of the Democratic Socialist Party and headquarters of the latest protests.

The first floor office is wallpapered with posters championing the world's oppressed and calling for the downfall of "dictators" and an end to injustice. Bookshelves are full of tracts by Lenin, Stalin and Marx.

"Our first walk out showed the anger and outrage of young people at the rise of racism," said Sean Healy, 26, Resistance's national coordinator.

"Our second walk out will organize that anger into a definite movement against racism in this country. This time we're calling on all young people – university and technical college students, young workers – to join our walk-out," Healy said.

School students plan a national walk out on August 28.

"And this time we will be specifically targeting the federal government. We're not accusing them of doing nothing.

We're accusing them of being racists themselves," Healy said.

Talkback radio jockeys have condemned the students as ignorant victims of subversive forces but the reality is that only a few students have joined Resistance recently.

"They think we are manipulated and brainwashed. The ones that are brainwashed are the racists, because you are not born racist, it is the society that makes you a racist," says To.

Parents defend their children's right to protest.

"Students are protesting the explicit racist policies of an emerging political party. I don't care if the devil himself organized it," says Bev Baker, president of the Federation Parents and Citizens Association of New South Wales state.

"I think it says an enormous amount about our youth. I think it demonstrates that our young people are our future."

Young Australians say their future is under threat on several fronts and complain that no one is listening.

They are angry with record youth unemployment of 29.9 percent, compared with a national rate of around 8%, and say funding cuts to education and youth welfare are forcing kids onto the street.

Each week 10 young Australians commit suicide and more than 1,000 make unsuccessful suicide attempts, according to community group Here For Life. Earlier this month 2,500 white crosses, representing the number of youth suicides in the past five years, were planted in the lawns outside Australia's parliament.

"Young people must have a chance to be part of sculpting the landscape, not just a topic of debate, as if they were some distant problem to be talked about, but not listened to," says Democrat Senator Natasha Stott Despoja, 28.

"Young people deserve a greater say in the future."

The National Union of Students (NUS), which represents university students, hopes the street protests now erupting like bushfires across Australia are the beginning of a youth movement which will give young people a political voice.

"Hopefully it will lead to young people articulating a vision for the future," says NUS official Damien Cahill. (Reuters)

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In 'The Lady Eve,' one of Preston Sturges's finest films, Barbara Stanwyck plays a coldblooded con woman looking to fleece a brewery heir (Henry Fonda).

Hollywood's high priest of humor

By KENNETH TURAN

'One of these days," wised-up shoplifter Barbara Stanwyck says to prosecutor Fred MacMurray as he offers her a drink she assumes is meant to seduce, "one of you boys is going to start one of these scenes differently, and one of us girls is going to drop dead from surprise." Preston Sturges, who wrote that line in *Remember the Night* and hundreds of others in dozens of films, was pre-eminently the boy who started scenes differently. Words intoxicated him, and he knew just how to make them jump. The first Hollywood writer to segue to solo directing, winner of the first best original screenplay Oscar, Sturges made some of the best American comedies ever produced, combining slashing wordplay with chaotic slapstick and completely unhinged plots in a way no one has even thought about duplicating.

Determined to become what he called "a prince of the blood," Sturges offered to sell Paramount his script for *The Great McGinty* for $1 for the chance to direct. The 1940 film not only won Sturges his Oscar, it proved to be the first of seven hits in a four-year span, a burst of creativity that has had critics shaking their heads in awe ever since.

This year, the centenary of Sturges' birth (August 29), is both the best of times and the worst of times for the man who was as gifted a writer-director of comedy as the US has produced.

All manner of commemorative events and screenings are being held in the US but when the seriously flawed AFI list of 100 best American films was released, not one of his splendid comedies was on it. Though Sturges, who died in 1959, is a household name to knowledgeable film fans, there are apparently still a discouragingly large number of people who've resisted sampling his work.

Sturges was a master of comic exasperation, a filmmaker who loved to match the rich against the conniving, the gullible against the grasping, just for the pleasure of seeing what would transpire.

For novices intending to get a sense of what Sturges was about, three films are essential: a pair from 1941, *The Lady Eve* and *Sullivan's Travels*, and 1942's *The Palm Beach Story*. All of Sturges's films are notable for the strong and savvy roles they offered to actresses, but Barbara Stanwyck made the most of her opportunities. In *The Lady Eve*, perhaps the most brilliant of Sturges's films, she starts out as a coldblooded con woman looking to fleece Henry Fonda's awkward snake fancier and brewery heir and ends up taking advantage of a plot - twist - too audacious for words. On the *New York Times'* 10-best list for 1941, this film was first, *Citizen Kane* second.

In *The Palm Beach Story*, which Sturges wrote for Claudette Colbert, the actress plays a woman in flight from her penniless inventor husband (Joel McCrea), only to hook up with the richest man in America (Rudy Vallee) and his party girl sister (Mary Astor). Added incentives include the director's usual cast of irresistible peripheral characters (watch out for the Wienie King) and Sturges' storytelling philosophy, neatly expressed by Colbert, that "sex always has something to do with it."

Sullivan's Travels is probably Sturges's signature work, both a pointed satire on Hollywood and a poignant defense of screen comedy. McCrea plays a major studio director, fresh from the success of *Hey, Hey in the Hayloft* who'd rather do the socially conscious *Oh Brother, Where Art Thou* than piffle like *Ants in Their Pants of 1939*. McCrea's Sullivan sets out to find the real America and runs into the sultry Veronica Lake along the way.

Also great fun are the films Sturges wrote but didn't direct, like the Stanwyck/MacMurray *Remember the Night*, directed by Mitchell Leisen, where the shoplifter and the district attorney discover they're both from Indiana and decide to share a ride home for Christmas. "The picture," Sturges later wrote, "had quite a lot of schmaltz, a good dose of schmerz, and just enough schmutz to make it box office."

Less frequently on screen and just as entrancing is *The Good Fairy*, which shows what happens when an orphan movie usherette named Ginglebusher tries to do a good deed and causes all sorts of havoc. Making the film special is the irresistible Margaret Sullavan (better known for *The Shop Around the Corner*), one of those luminous actresses for whom there is no equivalent today.

The Spencer Tracy-starring *The Power and the Glory*, a 1933 drama about a powerful business tycoon, has an elaborate non-chronological flashback structure would be famously echoed eight years later in *Citizen Kane*. The best place to see Sturges in embryo is in 1931's *Strictly Dishonorable*, an early stage-bound sound-film that faithfully transcribes the 1929 Broadway hit play that was Sturges's first writing success. Sturges had nothing to do with the film version, but when he saw it he wrote producer Carl Laemmle that he "found himself deeply interested and admiring my own play. Nothing could be lower than this."

The key thing to remember about Preston Sturges movies is that they were the out-and-out funniest of their day. No one, typically, put it better than the man himself when he wrote "there are few humorists in any given time and I must be one of them in my time. Or else why were all those people laughing?"

(Los Angeles Times)

Growing up the Spock way on Channel 8

By BARRY DAVIS

How disillusioning to see one's idols revealed as mere mortals. Especially when the idol is the author of the baby and childcare bible your parents consulted while raising you.

One of America's most powerful postwar iconoclasts, a man whose effect was felt from the family-centered Fifties into the groovy Sixties and the psychedelic Seventies, who suffered this fate was the famed and formerly feted pediatrician Dr. Benjamin Spock. He was the first children's doctor to break away from the Victorian disciplinarian approach to child-rearing and categorize parental love as the most important ingredient in the raising of children.

Channel 8's incisive documentary on Spock (*Growing Up The Hard Way*, tomorrow night at 9:55) paints a detailed picture of a child growing up in the material – if not physical – comfort of an affluent American East Coast family.

The viewer may be forgiven for growing a trifle listless early on as the litany of Victorian injustices inflicted on the young Spock takes up a generous portion of the hour-long program. But, as we see later, the Spartan conditions imposed by Spock's domineering mother (which included attending classes alfresco during biting New England winters) were to have a lasting and decisive influence on the good doctor's lifestyle and teachings.

Growing Up The Hard Way is a well-presented documentary, as aesthetically crafted as it is informative. The subject's New England roots are graphically alluded to throughout, with several of the interviewees shedding light on Spock's character to a backdrop of russet-colored, psychedelic-looking foliage, while more leaves flutter across the screen as we delve back into the various chapters of the celebrated doctor's career.

Dr. Benjamin Spock was incapable of practicing what he preached.

The documentary-makers enjoyed the advantage of a generous amount of cine-camera footage of Spock's early life and of his first steps as a family man in his own right.

All seems to be well in the household of the child Benjamin. Home movies reveal proud parents showing off their progeny who, although generally unsmiling, appear to have their spiritual and emotional welfare well tended to. But, reality rears its ugly head time and again as Spock's sons expose their famed father's parental shortcomings in some painful and clearly uncomfortable confessions.

The childcare expert's younger son, John, tells us in the starkest of fashions that Spock did not practice what he preached.

"My father never kissed me," he exclaims in a fit of candid angst while vigorously wringing his hands.

Perhaps the most blunt message the documentary delivers is that, despite our best efforts to escape our roots (which it appears is exactly what Spock wished to do), we are in fact unable to do so.

An entire generation of American babies was weaned on the mores and wisdom of Spock's *Baby and Child Care*, which the Pocketbook Library prophetically commissioned in the 1940s – before anyone realized they were in the middle of a cultural phenomenon which would come to be called the Baby Boom.

Spock's manifesto, delivered to a welcoming public shortly after the end of World War II, became an instant classic. Postwar parents, we are told, were looking for a more liberal way of preparing their loved ones for the realities of life.

Enter Dr. Spock.

In the 1950s, Spock could have been comfortably labeled with the oft-used epithet "a legend in his own time." And by the 1960s he was ensconced in the role of the wise old doctor and grandfather.

It wasn't just their parents who worshipped at the altar of Spock, the Spock-spawned generation related to the childcare expert because he shared their interests and concerns. The baby doctor was an avid supporter of John F. Kennedy's presidential campaign – and at this point in the documentary we are treated to an crudely staged televised bout of mutual back-patting between Spock and Jackie Kennedy.

The pediatrician's pacifist political activities were no secret and made Dr. Spock a hero in the eyes of the anti-war rock 'n' roll generation whose upbringing he helped to fashion though, as the Vietnam War raged on, his well-publicized politics got him into trouble with American Conservatives.

He even prompted a Hollywood-style quip from Ronald Reagan, who entertained an audience of well-heeled, cigar-puffing Republicans by stating: "Dr. Spock's babies have grown up, which is probably more than we can say for the doctor."

Spock is ultimately portrayed as the preacher who was incapable of practicing his own teachings. Despite his attempts to break away from his own upbringing he ends up becoming the archetypal Victorian-style father – his younger son tells us that his father would content himself with shaking his son's hand after a long separation. And instead of helping his wife with her problems – which eventually led to an alcoholic abyss – Spock divorced her, marrying a woman 40 years his junior just one year later.

Possibly the ultimate demystification is offered by one of the interviewees who sums up the legendary doctor's life work by saying that rather than being considered revolutionary, Spock became known as the great traditionalist.

Unfortunately the documentary has dated since it was made. It tells us that the nonagenarian Dr. Spock still swims, sails, and continues to write about baby and child care, which indeed he did, up to his death earlier this year.

Deutsche Grammophon's 'Got Rhythm'

CLASSIC DISCS

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Although comparatively young, Gil Shaham has been one of Deutsche Grammophon's leading stars for several years now.

His newest album, *American Scenes* (DG 453 470-2), is a delightful compilation of 20th-century American violin and piano works, which opens with a most delectable rendition of three preludes by Gershwin and then features the intriguing sonata by Copland and the premiere recording of the sonata by Andre Previn, who is Shaham's accompanist at the piano through this entire disc.

Previn, one of the most encompassing musicians of our time, is as intriguing when he conducts, plays the piano or composes. His sonata is truly a *turn-of-the-millennium* opus which looks back with sentimentality at the past century and with hope to the future, played with purity and elan by Shaham's sweet sounding violin.

What opens as a seeming lighthearted American album clearly emerges as a very captivating journey through musical terrains not often trodden by the violinists of today.

More Gershwin and more Previn comes in *We Got Rhythm: A Gershwin Songbook* (DG 453 493-2) in which Previn the pianist is joined by bassist David Finck to deliver 14 Gershwin standards like "Embraceable You," "I Got Rhythm," "Oh Lady Be Good" and "'S Wonderful" to name a few, in a language that hovers between the classical and the jazz worlds with ease.

Previn is intrigued by the jazz idioms of classical music (as his fine recording of works by Scott Joplin with Itzhak Perlman shows) and here one senses that some of his younger enthusiasm has changed into a more melodramatic approach. This Gershwin is subdued, and at times sentimental and penetrating.

German conductor Christian Thielemann is considered one of the leading maestri of the future. Conducting Wagner overtures and preludes out of their full operatic context is not that easy and indeed in Thielemann's new disc, *Thielemann, Wagner* (DG 453 485-2), with the Philadelphia Orchestra one immediately senses the difficulty of playing this music by itself.

These preludes are intrinsic parts of their respective operas. By themselves they are always engaging to listen to, but although the Philadelphia Orchestra plays in superb warm sound, Thielemann seems to treat these preludes, and especially the *Parsifal* ones, as independent works, which they are not. *Only when performed in their* right context can they make real sense and here one misses that connection in spite of the obvious integrity of the performance.

Welsh bass Bryn Terfel is one of the darlings of the opera and classical-music world in past few years and has already more than a few recordings to his impressive emerging discography. However, his new Handel disc, *Handel Arias, Bryn Terfel* (DG 453 480-2) is quite different from his previous recordings.

Here one encounters a more reflective, introverted and much less dramatic Terfel, a singer who revels in the articulation of the words through the music. His vocal range is impressive, his warmth of tone encompassing and his musicianship foolproof. Yet the 20 numbers on the disc begin to sound rather redundant after a short while, and the variety one would usually encounter in any opera aria disc is nonexistent. •

Saturday night's alright for chamber music

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The coming season's chamber-music concerts at Tel Aviv's Israel Music Conservatory (starting in late November) is the most comprehensive and impressive the conservatory has come up with in years.

Fourteen different programs through the season feature a large variety of chamber music ranging from Handel to Miles Davis, from Mozart to Schoenberg and from Beethoven to Duke Ellington.

All concerts at the conservatory are to take place on Saturday nights and subscribers can choose any combination of performances, from four (NIS 130 to NIS 200) to 14 (NIS 315 to NIS 480). Students get 50% off these prices and soldiers in uniform can come to individual concerts free of charge.

Among the highlights of the coming conservatory season are the opening concert, with the Philharmonic String Sextet playing Brahms and Schoenberg; a Handel program with arias, cantatas and sonatas, the Israel Woodwind Quintet playing Villa Lobos and Poulenc, and the visiting Tchaikovsky Trio from Paris playing Copland, Smetana and Tchaikovsky.

There is yet another, perhaps even better, reason to rush to the conservatory next year: The beginning of its new two-year-long series of all the Beethoven piano sonatas, performed in the order of their composition by a large variety of Israeli pianists.

The first seven concerts, featuring 19 of the 32 sonatas, will take place in this coming season with the rest following a year later. All concerts are to be Friday at noon, and subscription prices for the first year are NIS 170 to NIS 250.

The intriguing feature of the series, aside from the fact that it focuses on some of the most important piano sonatas ever written, will be various pianists presenting their individual rendition of the sonatas, as opposed to following one specific pianist in his or her own foray into this massive repertoire.

The conservatory has announced an impressive list of many of today's leading Israeli pianists, including Emanuel Krasovsky, Daniel Gortler, Aviram Reichert and Shlomi Shaban. It is not yet clear, however, which pianist is playing which sonata.

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When more is not better

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron's call to end the practice of appointing two chief rabbis – Sephardi and Ashkenazi – is a bold and welcome move. Bakshi-Doron called the perpetuation of the current system an "ethnic stain."

If the rabbinate is to be truly revolutionized, however, another stain must also be removed: the stain of politics.

For a long time, the idea of appointing a single chief rabbi was considered too controversial to consider, so much so that just five months ago MKs Alex Lubotzky and Yossi Beilin took some flak for including this proposal in their proposal for a "new covenant" between religious and secular.

As Sephardi chief rabbi, however, Bakshi-Doron is in exactly the right position to pronounce the maintaining of a legal distinction between Sephardim and Ashkenazim an embarrassing anachronism. There is no reason, for example, why the Rabbinical Council – which chooses the chief rabbis – should be formally divided into Sephardi and Ashkenazi members. Fifty years ago such measures were necessary to prevent discrimination; now they do more to perpetuate discrimination than remedy it.

In addition, there is no reason to continue the duplication of tasks throughout the rabbinical bureaucracy. Just as there are two chief rabbis nationally, many cities have two chief rabbis, again for no good reason.

This duplication is small potatoes compared to the plethora of local religious councils, each of which is a burgeoning bureaucracy in itself.

Last summer, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman proposed eliminating these councils, and transferring their functions to a department of each local authority. At that time, Bakshi-Doron sounded sympathetic to the proposal, but fell short of unequivocally endorsing it.

Monday's convention of rabbis would have been a good place for Bakshi-Doron, and his colleague Rabbi Yisrael Lau, to openly call for eliminating the religious councils. They know that the councils have little to do with providing services, and a lot to do with political patronage.

About a dozen years ago, Shas MK Aryeh Deri called for abolishing the religious councils. The NRP had succeeded in dominating them politically, and Shas saw them as a threat. Now that Shas has substantial influence on the religious councils, it has joined the NRP in opposing their abolition, while United Torah Judaism, which has been left out, wants to eliminate the councils.

Just as the Histadrut was a nominally separate body that became an arm of the Labor Party, the religious councils have become a playground for political jockeying among the religious parties. While the Histadrut has since been transformed into a more conventional, less partisan, labor federation, the religious councils are inherently superfluous, since their administrative functions belong in the regular municipal bureaucracy.

Consolidating the separate Ashkenazi and Sephardi bureaucracies and eliminating the religious councils would go far in saving taxpayers' money and improving the debased image of official religious bodies.

Perhaps more importantly, it could free the rabbinate to pursue functions that have fallen to outside bodies by default.

As the representatives of the nexus between the nation and religion, the rabbinate should be in the forefront of efforts to reform the fraying religious-secular status quo. Rather than resisting, or remaining aloof from, sensible proposals such as the Lubotzky/Beilin "new covenant," the rabbinate should pick up the glove.

If the rabbinate is incapable of constructive influence on the major religious-secular dilemmas of the day, perhaps it should close up shop. Though separation of religion and state is currently an anathema here, it would seem that the rabbinical leadership would have a greater influence on society if it shed its political shackles rather than remaining part of the system.

So long as the rabbinate continues to be a source of spoils for the religious parties, it cannot fulfill its potential as a unifying force, and it will increasingly become an argument for its own elimination.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ONLY GOD KNOWS

Sir, – Now that US politics has achieved something of the visceral and vindictive nature long associated with the Israeli product, perhaps Israelis will see what happens to a political system in which the announced sole purpose of the opposition is to dislodge the elected government. I certainly hope so.

God alone knows what will be the end effect of the present artificial scandal upon the future of the United States. But Israel, if only because of its size, is far less resilient, and can far less afford to so debase its political discourse.

STAN GOODMAN

Kiryat Tivon.

WHO DO YOU CRITICIZE?

Sir, – I would like to echo Irvin E. Schermer's complaint against Yossi Beilin (No leg to stand on, August 18). Beilin is critical of Netanyahu but hardly ever criticizes Arafat.

It is Arafat who is killing the peace process by not living up to his agreements. Worse yet, Arafat's threats to destroy Israel as embodied in the Palestinian charter is so reminiscent of Hitler's threats to go to war if the appeasers of his day would not surrender Czechoslovakia.

Yossi Beilin should know that Arafat's interpretation of the Oslo Accords as the 'Peace of Mohammed" is not a true peace and will only harm Israel.

MAISH RUBIN

Beersheba

FREE THE DETAINEES

Sir, – Article 10 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights from 1948 says that every prisoner is entitled to have a fair trial. But in Khiam Detention Center in the "Security Zone" in South Lebanon about 130 Lebanese detainees are held without charge and without trial.

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Israel claims that Khiam Detention Center is controlled by the South Lebanon Army, but since Israel occupies the "Security Zone," it is also responsible for what happens there and for the conditions of the Lebanese detainees held in Khiam Detention Center.

A lot of people in Denmark are worried about this situation that damages Israel's international reputation, and we think that Israel should fulfill its responsibility according to the international standards and release all detainees in Khiam Detention Center, unless they are charged with criminal offenses and given fair trials immediately.

AASE LARSEN
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Denmark.

THE PRESIDENT'S ROLE

Sir, – I wish to relate to the hypocrisy of the right-wing parties regarding President Ezer Weizman's criticism of them.

When President Weizman criticized the Rabin-Peres government, the right-wing supported him, saying that he is legitimately expressing the public's opinion. Now, when the president is doing the same against the current government, the right claims that "he is crossing red lines."

In my view, President Ezer Weizman has learned the lesson from his uncle, first President Chaim Weizmann, which is: Do not succumb to government attempts to silence you!

As it is well-known, after his appointment, the first president asked Prime Minister Ben-Gurion to allow him to aid in negotiations with the Arabs. Despite his knowledge of Chaim Weizmann's diplomatic skills, Ben-Gurion refused and declared the political scene to be off-limits to the president.

I think that had President Chaim Weizmamn been allowed to get actively involved, a comprehensive peace agreement would have been achieved by 1952.

RAZ JOSEPH

Beersheba.

KKL SALARIES

Sir, – We are told that the heads of the Jewish National Fund (KKL) get the same salary and benefits as the prime minister by the interesting logic that running KKL is as complicated as running the government.

It seems to me that even if that premise is true, then the two KKL heads should split a single salary, since after all, we have only one PM for the whole government.

Let the two KKL heads ride in a single car as well.

ISRAEL PICKHOLTZ

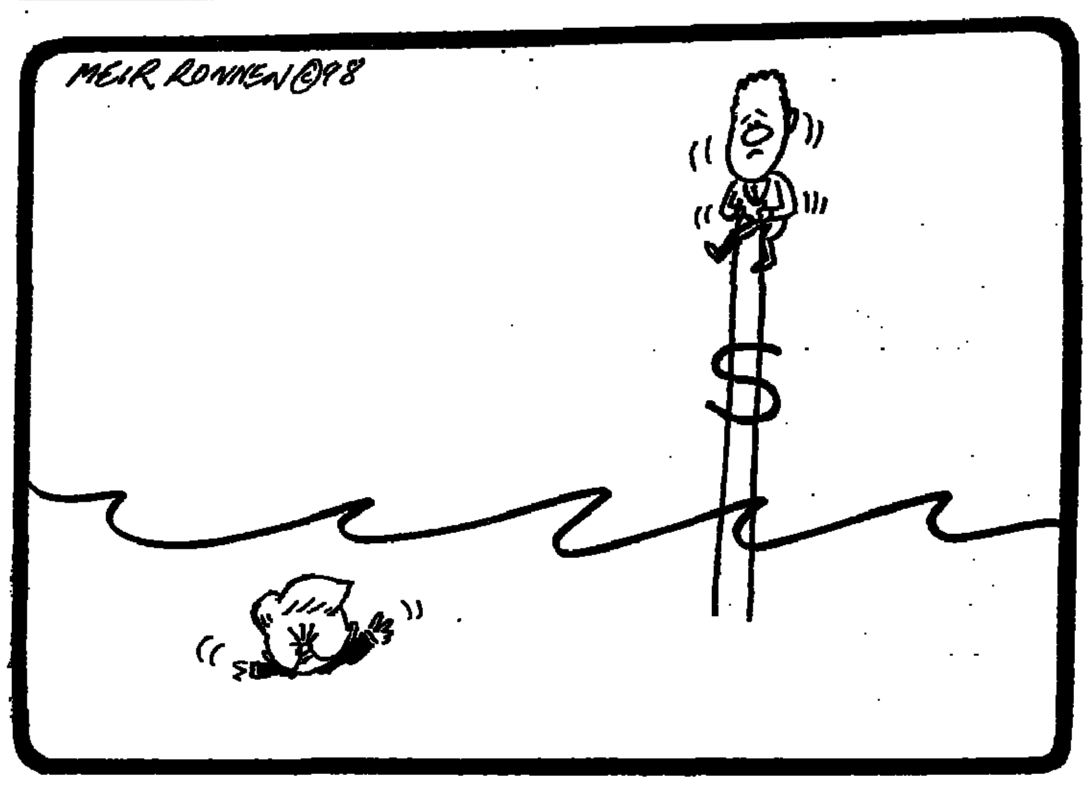
Elazar.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On August 26, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that fighting had flared up again in Jerusalem. Arabs had advanced from their new positions near Government House, which was in the Red Cross zone, attacking the northern sector of Talpiot, under cover of heavy fire. Other quarters were also shelled and mortared, but all attacks were driven off by the Army's return fire.

25 years ago: On August 26, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported from Moscow that Arab athletes danced and mingled with Israelis in front of some 50,000 spectators at the Lenin Stadium in Moscow during the ceremonies closing the Seventh World University Games.

Alexander Zvielli



The pullback game

MOSHE ZAK

In spite of his statement in Oslo that there is progress in the negotiations with Israel, it appears increasingly likely that Yasser Arafat wants to reach May 4, 1999 without any agreements, even with reference to the second withdrawal in Judea and Samaria. He seems unwilling to pay for an agreement by annulling the anti- Israel clauses in the Palestinian National Covenant, and losing the ethos of a war of national liberation.

At first the PLO leader planned to gain as much territory as possible in an agreement with Israel, in order to have a territorial basis for the declaration of independence. But as time passes and there are only nine months left until May, there is not enough time for a complete withdrawal that would allow him to create the new crisis which is vital for him to create the atmosphere for a war of national liberation.

It's possible that this is why Arafat is digging in his heels and making no effort to reach an agreement, even though he has already received an undertaking from Israel that the second withdrawal will comprise 13% of the territory of Judea and Samaria.

In the few remaining months, he will face countless economic and social problems, so he wants to reach the ceremony in which he will announce the independence of Palestine with a deep rift with Israel forming the glue to unify his own camp. For the same reason, he wants the Palestinian National Covenant to be unchanged, including all its anti- Israel clauses.

Perhaps Arafat has decided that it's better to gain 13% by a unilateral step of his own as part of a dispute with Israel and not as part of an agreement with it, since the lack of agreement creates inertia for Israeli withdrawal and mass excitement among the Palestinians that will enable the expansion of borders.

Maybe his dream is to emulate David Ben-Gurion, for whom the UN decision on November 29, 1947 was the basis for the War of Independence, in which the nation's borders took shape.

Some object to this theory on the grounds that even before the Oslo agreement the PLO had formed a new policy of accepting any territory that Israel would peacefully give to the Palestinians. So it's likely that the Palestinian leaders will prefer to get 13% in the near future with a struggle with Israel, instead of waiting for May 1999 to try to gain the territory by a violent confrontation with Israel.

On the face of it this claim is very logical, but the Palestinian Authority doesn't just use logic. The objective of maintaining national tension until the Palestinian declaration of independence leaves its traces on Palestinian policy, including the obsessive objection to amendments to the Palestinian National Covenant, which Arafat reaffirmed at the time of the Hebron agreement.

Arafat's confidence that Israel will acquiesce to his declaration of statehood in May 1999 spurs him to leave the 13% withdrawal until then

In Oslo this week there were celebrations of the fifth anniversary of the initialling of the agreement between Israeli and Palestinian representatives. In the agreement, which was signed a month later in Washington, the PLO was mentioned by name, and Israel recognized the PLO after its leader accepted Israel's conditions that he would undertake to annul the anti-Israel clauses in the Palestinian National Covenant and unambiguously disassociate himself from terrorism and from the use of force against Israel.

EVERYONE knows what became of the commitment concerning the anti-Israel clauses in the Covenant. But people have ignored the more serious breach of the undertaking which formed the basis of the Oslo agreement, with reference to the threat of violence.

Until recently the Palestinians threatened to renew violence if Israel didn't accept their conditions concerning the second withdrawal. Recently Palestinian representatives have ceased making these threats, but they are preparing for a second violation of the agreement: a unilateral declaration of independence and borders, without negotiating a permanent settlement with Israel, as required by the Oslo agreement. Palestinian leaders have no qualms about declaring that the Palestinian state will be born in nine months. Where do they get this chutzpah?

It's not inconceivable that one of the reasons the PA is risking this potential breach of the Oslo agreement is the impression, in Gaza and Ramallah, that Israel will not send tanks to stop the Palestinian police (whose numbers are much greater than the agreements permit) from starting a war of independence and shaping the borders of the Palestinian jurisdiction.

Arafat sees the frequent statements by Israeli politicians, even those who are no more than candidates in municipal elections, in support of a Palestinian state, as a green light for his plans for nine months. If he thought it was risky he would speak more carefully.

Arafat's confidence that Israel will accept his declaration in May 1999 also spurs him to think that it's better to leave the 13% withdrawal until the declaration of independence, and not waste time on detailed negotiations with Israel.

Then he will be able to boast that the liberation movement that he commands freed territory through its own strength, and didn't gain it via negotiations with Israel. The example of the development and survival of the Palestinian National Covenant is meant to be a signal for the continuation of the struggle.

Text and sub-text

DAVID NEWMAN

It is exactly a year since this column began to appear on a regular basis. Writing a newspaper column is, of course, vastly different from academic writing.

It is, by its very definition, more polemic, slightly provocative, aimed at involving the reader and getting him/her to agree – or disagree – with the views expressed. It is designed to arouse discussion on topics and issues which are, so the writer believes, central to the lives and political beliefs of the readers.

It never ceases to amaze me how people react to a newspaper column, particularly how different people read completely different meanings into the same words.

Very few people read the text for what it is; most are trying to find out what is hidden between the lines, what is not stated explicitly or, in today's jargon of the social sciences, what is the sub-text of the article.

Take, for example, the diverse responses I received to a recent column about "grabbing land." Four responses, two from right-wing supporters of West Bank settlements, and two from left-wing opponents, were all quite different.

One irate reader complained bitterly that I had joined ranks with the worst of Israel's enemies, justifying the murder of the two settlers at Yitzhar because they had been involved in staking out land for future political claims.

The fact that nowhere in the article had such a statement been made, or even alluded to, was of no consequence. Given the known left-wing preferences of the writer, it was, for this particular reader, obvious as to what was left unsaid.

Another reader, a resident of a West Bank settlement no less, actually congratulated me for the article, arguing that it was about time that someone on the Left of the political spectrum equated the contemporary struggle for land in the West Bank with that of the Zionist pioneers of the 1920s and 1930s. Rather than describe the West Bank settlers as a small, radical, group of militants whose activities deviate from the accepted framework of the Zionist enterprise, this equation was, in his view, a more acceptable explanation.

AND THEN, of course, many of my friends and colleagues on the Left took me to task for even suggesting that there was some form of comparison to be made between the early Zionist pioneers and the West Bank settlers.

For them, the former was part of the noble cause of land reclamation and state formation, while the latter is no more than illegal robbery of lands belonging to another people and which have been occupied by Israel since 1967. The kibbutzim were justified in taking land, the West Bank settlers were not.

And finally, there were also those on the Left who, while strongly objecting to the activities of the West Bank settlers, begrudgingly accepted the comparison.

But while the right-wing respondent saw the comparison as a means of justifying contemporary events in the West Bank, my left-wing critics saw this as a reason to delegitimize even the activities of the early Zionists. This too, in their view, was part of the colonial enterprise, of European settlers coming to the Middle East and dispossessing the native Palestinian inhabitants of their ancestral lands.

With the exception of the first interpretation mentioned above, the other three readings of the text are equally correct.

Which one was intended by the writer? All of them and equally none of them. The way in which texts are read and interpreted by the reader tends to reflect the reader's existing political views and beliefs. It is rare for an article to have such an impact that a reader suddenly decides to change his/her views, although it may result in questions being raised and discussions taking place.

More often than not, it is the sub-text which reflects the readers' interpretation of the words, the way in which he/she wants to read the column, rather than the way in which it is actually written and may, or may not, have been intended.

In a country such as Israel, where heated political debate is part of popular culture, such diverse responses are to be expected. It would be a lack of response which would set this writer worrying – perhaps no one is interested in what he has to say, perhaps the issue raised is not central to the current social and political agendas of the readers?

For as long as we feel involved, the debate will continue to be lively and, in some cases, unruly. We do not just politely "beg to differ," rather we label each other as "traitors," "fascists," "colonizers" and/or "lacking in values."

And if the text provides the framework for the discussion or debate, it is the reading of the sub-text which fills it with content for each individual reader. The alternative would be a rather boring "normal" country, where we pay little attention to the decisions taken by politicians, and do not get annoyed by the provocative comments of an op-ed writer.

No, thank you.

Don't read this!

JONATHAN YARDLEY

It is true that, with the possible exception of other people's money, there is no subject of more compelling interest than other people's carnal relations.

How else to explain the stacks of *National Enquirers* in the supermarkets, or the audiences for Sally and Geraldo and Montel, or for that matter the enduring popularity of "Othello"?

Mea culpa. I am as intoxicated by this stuff as is anyone now reading these words, including those who would sooner take vows of celibacy than admit to any interest in the amatory adventures of Elizabeth Taylor, Madonna or – a bow to the golden oldies – Wilbur Mills.

Without embarrassment, I admit to reading anything I can fix my eyes on about the pleasures, illicit or otherwise, in which others delight, and the more eminent the others, the more heightened my interest.

These days, though, prurient curiosity is meeting the ultimate test: boredom and excess. Not merely is there too much in the air about other people's sex, there is entirely too much detail about it and, worse, too much of that detail is unrelievedly sordid.

Those who have been following the news need no further evidence, but in case you were on holiday last week, you surely would want to know that, as this newspaper reported, the president of these United States and commander in chief of its armed forces, testifying before a federal grand jury, "acknowledged receiving oral sex" from the celebrated Monica Lewinsky:

Food for the imagination, that! Feast on it for a while, if you can stand the images it provokes. But, no, the mind will not admit the picture of those two engaged in whatever it was that so ardently engaged them. Better, as they say across the Atlantic, to think of England.

Or, if you are thus inclined, of J.D. Salinger and Joyce Maynard.

Almost at the exact moment when we were being treated to these accounts of presidential concupiscence, the September issue of *Vanity Fair* appeared on the newsstands and in the mailboxes of those (mea culpa!) foolish enough to subscribe to it. Therein is an all-too-extensive excerpt from what the magazine promotes as "Joyce Maynard's memoir of her teenage affair with America's most reclusive writer."

Affair? This word, suggesting as it does passion and pleasure, however forbidden, has approximately as much to do with what Maynard describes as it does with what Clinton and Lewinsky told the grand jury, but that does not prevent Maynard from giving us all the disagreeable details of her sexual encounter (to borrow the vogue phrase) with the notorious recluse. Indeed, so vivid are those details that there is no place for them in this family newspaper. Thus, once again, you must let your imagination do it for you.

This, mind you, was published in a magazine of immense national circulation that can be found on the coffee tables of the privileged and self-regarding from Martha's Vineyard to Rodeo Drive.

Inasmuch as poor self-exploitative Maynard was taken to the woodshed in this space late last year, when it was first disclosed that her memoir of "Jerry" Salinger was in the works, it is pointless to subject her (or you!) to more of the same.

Enough said. What matters in this context is that Maynard seems to feel it as much her duty to spare us no detail of her sexual non-initiation as Lord High Executioner Kenneth Starr seems to feel it his own duty to spare us no detail of Clinton and Lewinsky in their den of iniquity. The press, for its part, carries the water of all concerned: Vanity Fair and Picador broadcasting Maynard's message, The Washington Post and every other newspaper doing the same for Kenneth Starr's.

In the case of the first of these, the pure, unvarnished profit motive is there for all to see: cashing in on Salinger's notoriety and Maynard's logorrhea. In the case of the second, it is more complicated. Though various persons having various axes to grind have accused the press of publishing so much about La Lewinsky in order to enrich itself, newsroom journalists rarely think in such terms; they are out sniffing for the news, and print it however it may appear.

"Just doing my job" may seem a sorry excuse for such goings on, but the job of the press is to report the news. My own view, which is from somewhere between inside and outside, is that the press has shown considerable restraint. It's the Clintons and Lewinskys and Maynards who are stinking up the joint.

(The Washington Post)

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Keeping that chemistry going

Teach people how to be married, and they're more likely to stay married, family researcher Howard Markman tells **Peter Jensen**

The lights dim and *soon two* couples are arguing on a color television screen, their 26-inch-wide confrontations petty, irritating, embarrassing – in other words, classic married life.

One woman is upset that her husband watches football all weekend.

"It's not right," she tells her spouse, who can only shrug and look heavenward. The other wife scolds her husband for "not once *in 10 years*" pouring detergent into the washing machine before putting in a load of dirty laundry.

The video ends, and Howard Markman poses the big question: "So which of these couples is *going to divorce?*"

The audience of marriage counselors sniffs it out pretty easily: Mr. and Mrs. Tide.

Their conversation was too negative, too accusatory, too unforgiving, *they say. At one point,* the husband claims he had "not really thought" about when laundry detergent should be dispensed.

"Whatever you do," Markman says with a grin, "if you've been hearing about *something for 10* years, don't tell your wife you've never thought about it." In this case, *predicting divorce* was no great trick. The couple's problems were far from subtle.

But *in his research on marriage* at the University of Denver's Center for Marital and Family Studies, Markman has done much better.

After 21 years, he claims he can predict with an "80 to 90 percent" certainty when newlyweds are headed for divorce.

Forecasting divorce is not his goal, of course; preventing it is.

But the fact that marital strife is so predictable demonstrates what Markman espouses: Teach people how to be married, and you raise the odds of success.

"It's far easier to keep happy couples happy than rescue them from the brink of divorce," the professor says. "There's always magic and chemistry at the beginning of a relationship. The key is to help couples avoid doing things that actively erode the chemistry."

Speaking last month to a gathering of family therapists, researchers and advocates at a national conference on marriage in a Washington suburb, Markman and fellow psychologists at the Denver center explained how various factors – some beyond a couple's control – can spell doom for a relationship.

The acid test

Can your relationship be saved? Denver researchers use this test to predict whether relationships are headed for trouble.

Evaluate the following statements for yourself, not your partner, using a 3-point scale: 1 – almost never, 2 – once in a while, 3 – frequently.

- Little arguments escalate into *ugly fights with accusations,* criticisms, name-calling, or bringing up past hurts.
- My partner criticizes or belittles my opinions, feelings or desires.
- My partner seems to view my words or actions more negatively than I mean them to be.
- When we have a problem to solve, it is as if we were on opposite teams.
- I hold back from telling my partner what I really think and feel.
- I think seriously about what it would be like to date or marry someone else.
- I feel lonely in this relationship.
- When we argue, one of us withdraws – that is, doesn't want to *talk about it* anymore – or leaves the scene.

In a nationwide survey, the average score was 11. If you scored 13–17, it suggests "yellow light," a need to strengthen the relationship. Eighteen and higher is a red light, an indication that your relationship is at significant risk.

(Source: PREP Educational Products Inc.)

Were your parents divorced? Have you or your spouse been divorced? Are you different religions? Are you poor? Younger than 26 when you married?

Answer yes to any of these and your odds at a successful marriage are diminished. Even living together before marriage – something *nearly two-thirds of all* couples do – can elevate your chances for divorce by 15 percent, Markman said.

"Being less committed makes them less resistant to divorce," said psychologist Scott Stanley, a colleague at the Denver center. "For them, marriage becomes less important, less special." Even more critical are what Markman calls the "dynamic" factors.

Using extensive questionnaires and videotaped interviews researchers study how couples relate to each other in considerable detail.

Do they avoid conflict? Do they not communicate effectively? Are their arguments highly negative or accusatory? Has there been physical abuse? Do they have irrational expectations of marriage or their partners? Is there a lack of commitment or motivation?

While the static factors like divorce history or religion are unchangeable, couples can do something about the dynamic factors, the researchers note.

IMPROVING a marriage doesn't necessarily require complete personality overhauls, either. The Denver researchers have developed a program that requires just 12 hours over three days to complete.

Called PREP for "Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program," the workshop teaches couples how to communicate more effectively and manage conflicts. It is not unique, Markman noted.

Other courses with similar goals have sprung up across the country as part of a "marriage education" movement.

The results are encouraging. Couples who completed the PREP course in one five-year Denver study were one-sixth as likely to divorce as those who hadn't.

But critics point out that such studies tend to be flawed – couples are not selected at random, and those who seek marriage education are probably less likely to divorce anyway. Even Markman admits that more long-term studies are needed.

Nevertheless, the fact that the risks of divorce can be predicted so easily shouldn't be discouraging: Growing numbers of studies strongly suggest couples can at least improve their odds at happiness.

"You have to make your partner and your marriage an important priority in your life," Markman said. "Go out and have fun. But you also have to treasure your partner, honor your partner."

(The Baltimore Sun)

Never say one child is better than another

By Ruth Mason

In my last two columns I *wrote* about how parents can diminish sibling rivalry by giving *children a chance to pour all their* feelings about their siblings into an understanding ear; and about how parents can *intervene* – *effectively* – in sibling fights.

The ideas are taken from Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish's *Siblings Without Rivalry* (Avon Books), a new edition of which was published this year. The book also covers three other pitfalls that are crucial for parents of siblings to avoid: making comparisons, trying to give equally and labeling children.

According to Faber and Mazlish, comparing children just *feeds their feelings of rivalry.* It's hard never to compare one child with another, but we all know that *saying something* like: "Why can't you be as neat as your sister?" never produces a tidier room.

So instead of saying, "I know I can count on your sister when it's her turn to do the dishes, but I *can never count on you,*" try describing the problem: "I see a sink full of dishes waiting to be washed."

Even favorable comparisons can be harmful. Rather than the vengeful feelings the above comparison might incite between siblings, seemingly positive comparisons may elicit guilty feelings of being "better" or more loved than a sibling, *adding fuel to the fire of* rivalry.

If, wanting to make your three-*year-old feel good, you say,* "You're a big boy. You don't leave your things lying around like the baby," your son *might think:* "I'm better than the baby."

But if you simply describe what you see *or feel:* "I see you *picked* up your blocks, your truck, and even put away your puzzle *pieces," he will be more* likely to think: "I'm a good cleaner-upper." He feels reinforced without reference to or comparison with his little brother.

WE ALL know what it's like to try and scoop exactly equal balls of ice cream into three bowls so that no one feels s/he has gotten less. In our zeal to prevent jealousy, we bend over backwards to try to be fair.

But as one mother in a Faber-*Mazlish workshop put* it, "The children could never get enough and, as a mother, I could never give enough."

Children, say Faber and Mazlish, do not really want to be loved *equally. They want to be* loved *uniquely,* for the special people they are. And they need to *be given* to according to their personal needs, regardless of what their brother or sister gets.

So when your four-year-old says, "You gave him more than me!" you might point out the facts: "I did not. You each have four pancakes." Or you could focus on that child's needs: "Oh, are you still hungry? Would you like another one?"

And when your 12-year-old asks, "Who do you love best?" instead of the pat, "I love you all the *same"* (which no child *ever* believes), try something like: "Each of you is special to me. You are *my* only Tali. No one could ever take your place. No one has your thoughts, your feelings, your *smile. I'm so glad you're my* daughter."

WHAT role did you play in your family of origin? Were you the brain, the beauty, or the bad one? It seems that when parents put kids in roles, two things happen: They not only feel they have to live up to them; their siblings feel a need to carve out a different role for themselves. And it gives them more fodder for the fighting mill.

After all, if you're occupying the position of "the smart one," it's taken, and no one else can occupy it.

Let's say your little one comes crying that his big brother hid his ball again. You're *exasperated.* You say, "Mati, why are you always so mean?"

But *think* about what *message* this gives both Mati and his younger brother. Instead, why not use that wonderful skill of describing the situation? "Mati, your brother wants his ball back."

If Mati says something like, "I know I'm mean," you need to point out the other possibilities: "You can also be kind."

Another thing you can do is free your child to assume more positive traits by not letting his siblings lock him into a role.

So when little brother says "Mom, Mati's mean. He won't lend me his truck," you could suggest something like: "Try asking him differently. You may be surprised at how generous he *can be."*

Those interested in leading workshops based on Faber-Mazlish ideas can get a catalog of their materials by writing to P.O. Box 37, Rye, NY 10580 or calling (US) 914-967-8130.

'Grands camp' teaches both sides a bit about life

At a week-long retreat in upstate New York, grandparents and grandchildren hang out together – with no parents allowed. **Susan Levine** reports

Julia Loebel and Kevin Larcher *just spent a week deep in the* Adirondack Mountains doing things they'd never done before. One *day, they canoed. Another* day, they square-danced. At night, they lay on their beds and talked *uninterrupted about life, about his* interests, her past.

Loebel is 75, Kevin only 10. She *is* his Illinois grandmother, *and* he is her California kid. They were alone in the woods – alone in that *Kevin's mom and dad were* nearly 3,000 miles away. But they were hardly by themselves, not with 53 *other grandparents* and grandchildren from New Mexico to Maine for company.

Parents were *expressly* not invited.

A special kind of magic takes *hold every summer* during the several weeks that "grands camp" comes to Raquette Lake, a distant spot within the lush hemlock forests of upstate New York.

Nanas and grandpas, sometimes well into retirement, hike with trail mates who are early in grade-school careers. They sit elbow to elbow painting papier-mache puppet heads or singing fireside tunes or applauding goofy jokes.

"This is the first time we've ever had a chance to talk by ourselves," Kevin told his grandmother one evening.

"That's right," Loebel replied.

THE results, says the camp's founder, reveal the emotional and spiritual bonds that exist between these generational bookends, the inherent need each has for the other.

Psychiatrist Arthur Kornhaber has spent more than 25 years studying this relationship and has concluded that a grandparent's role is critical – and vastly unappreciated.

"It's not paid attention *to* because it's not considered a sexy or interesting topic. It's equated with old age, and nobody *wants to* talk about it," he said one recent morning, paddling with his own grandsons on the dark *and* glass-smooth lake.

Kornhaber, who is 65, relishes talking about it. About *how a* grandparent may be historian, teacher, confidant and friend. About the impact grandparents' presence can have on their grandchildren, making them "broader, deeper people."

"They feel more secure than the average child," he said.

The benefits also trickle up, he is *convinced,* bringing "meaning and joy" to a time of life that society values little. Kornhaber suspects *medical research* would validate his belief that a strong relationship with grandchildren provides a real physiological boost for an elderly person.

"These kids have incredible needs for you," camp director Arthur Kornhaber tells the seniors. "They are genetically wired to be with you"

"It's health-giving," he said.

With more than 60 million grandparents in the US, the message is a mission, and the reason *he and his* wife, Carol, created the Foundation for Grandparenting in 1980.

It's also why, several years later, the couple scouted for a place to run a sleep-away camp. Their effort began as interest in intergenerational activities was taking off in the US.

Today, offerings abound. The Boston-based Elderhostel, which specializes in educational programs for older Americans, runs grandparent-grandchild courses on everything from the Civil Air Patrol to the Grand Canyon. A Chevy Chase, Maryland, agency caters exclusively to the same dual clientele with "Grandtravel" trips all over the world.

But the families who come to the Adirondacks say they learn just by being together.

"Want to take a walk with me?" David Stearman, 68, asked grandson Patrick during an afternoon lull.

This summer marked the Bethesda, Md. grandpa's sixth camp year with one child or another, but it was Patrick's first. The day before, they'd trooped through the woods to a sun-speckled falls, where the six-year-old had goose-bumpy fun clambering over rocks in the water.

"Okay," Patrick agreed happily.

SINCE its start in 1986, the camp has been at Sagamore, a postcard-perfect national historic site with a log-cabin lodge and cottages that once were the private playground of Alfred Vanderbilt and his offspring.

The servants long ago disappeared – campers have to bus their own trays in the dining hall – but the accommodations are only moderately rustic.

Still, there are no televisions, no videos and, between each session's opening Sunday dinner and closing Friday lunch, little diversion from nature.

Katherine Gay of Vienna, Va. was uncertain whether her granddaughter in Florida would be interested. *At 11, Jennifer Gay is both giggles* and platform shoes, a winsome child racing toward puberty.

"I thought what I was saying to her was going to sound corny. You know, campfires, marshmallows," recounted Gay, 61, sitting on an ashen piece of driftwood as Jennifer horsed around in the lake.

But the girl was immediately enthusiastic on the phone. "It all sounded cool to her," Gay said.

Kornhaber isn't surprised.

"These kids have incredible needs for you," he tells the seniors during afternoon group meetings while the junior campers are doing art and drama. "These kids are genetically wired to be with you."

Back home in Santa Fe, N.M., Kornhaber and his wife live only minutes from their two grandsons. A few families at Sagamore in early August enjoy similar situations, but hundreds if not thousands of miles separate most.

They say they maintain regular contact through telephone calls and visits, but, according to Kornhaber, they are the exceptions. He estimates that 75 percent of grandparents have absolutely no relationship with their grandchildren.

Sometimes that's because the grandparents have retired, checked out and moved away. Kornhaber has no patience with them.

Involvement with a grandchild brings meaning and joy to a time of life society values little

"Vacations are great. Two months off is great, God bless you. *But 12 months off?" he asked.* "What culture in our history had a whole generation go away?"

Other grandparents, however, are caught in the difficult eddies of social problems such as parents' divorces and internecine battles. Nowadays, court dockets routinely include lawsuits by grandparents seeking visitation rights from their own children.

On the other hand, more than 1 million grandparents are raising their grandchildren solo because their children can't or won't.

"There's a whole lot on some grandparents' plates," Kornhaber acknowledged.

EVEN among the families at the camp, there were concerns to discuss – worries about how grandchildren were being brought up, about behavior problems or the effect of a parent's marital troubles.

"You get involved in some situation with your grandchildren, and sometimes, in hindsight, you wonder, "Did I handle that correctly?" admitted a three-time grandfather, Henry DePhillips, 61, of Connecticut.

"By and large, you find out you have done the best you can."

Aside from the time scheduled for the adults' rap sessions, the day's structure is loose and directives are few. Here's about the only rule: No parents allowed.

"They definitely act differently when their parents aren't around," laughed Joyce Strong, 58, of Sykesville, Md., when granddaughter Haley Parsons, of Reisterstown, Md., was out of earshot.

Children aren't the only ones, though. While willing to mete out discipline, camp grandparents on their own for five days tend to be generously permissive. Vegetables are optional. Five more minutes of swimming is a given.

"They don't have to take baths except on Wednesdays," said Helen Otte, 70, who had flown up from Houston with her husband and three grandchildren. For the oldest child, now 16, it was her seventh grands camp.

"They won't let us quit coming," Otte said, not sounding at all put out over that. "They learn so much here, and we do, too... You see them developing into what they will be someday."

The cadence of the week remains comfortably predictable, *building to a Thursday night tal*ent show and final group song. By then, numerous personal accomplishments have been recorded.

Grandparents see them one way, grandchildren another.

Strong takes home memories of husband Terry instructing 11-year-old Haley in the canoe. The first day, she couldn't even hold the paddle, so he started there, then showed her how to stroke left and right. By Thursday, the girl was pulling cleanly through the water. "That's how you go through life," he told her.

"It gave me chills," her grandmother said.

Haley logged other highlights. For the big one, she simply had to call home.

"Mom, Mom!" she exclaimed. "Noni and Popi taught me how to crack an egg on my head!"

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Gardener's Corner

Getting to the seed of it

By Batsheva Mink

(Israel Talbi)

(Karen Benzian)

(Above) After collecting sunflower seeds, make sure they are completely dry before you put them away; (right) The lupin, which is a member of the pea family, stores its seeds in a pod.

This time of year many plants have stopped flowering and are producing a bounty of ripe seeds. With just a little know-how of seed collection, storage and sowing techniques, you can produce lots of new plants for your garden without having to reach into your pocket.

Most perennial and annual plants cost around NIS 2 or NIS 3, while the price goes up to NIS 10 for a larger plant. The average price of the packets of seed I bought recently was NIS 7, and in most cases I only got about a dozen plants from each packet.

Even if the expense does not bother you, there is still the question of finding a nursery that stocks the required seeds, which may be a problem.

As with most homegrown crops, herbs and spices grown from seeds harvested from your garden or flowerpots will be far superior in flavor and aroma to the rather musty specimens available in jars and packets in the supermarket. They will also be free of the agricultural chemicals that may contaminate commercially available herbs and spices.

When I started to grow my own vegetables, I noticed that not only was the taste not as good as I remembered, but you could not save the seed, since many of the plants were hybrids.

Most seed companies have dropped the older varieties of seeds, finding them low yielders with shorter shelf lives that do not travel well. Instead, companies are producing more and more hybrids.

Hybrids are different from open-pollinated seeds, which have been around as long as people have been growing vegetables and flowers.

Pollinated by insects, birds and the wind, these seeds are passed down through generations and brought along on moves to distant lands. As a result, most vegetables grown in Israel did not originate here. In fact, it is amazing that so many varieties did succeed.

However, as the plants adapted to growing in Israel, their genetic makeup and behavior begin to change, and some even started to look different. A lettuce that can withstand hotter weather is one example of adaptation to Israel.

Using the principle of natural selection, organic gardeners (gardeners who do not use chemicals) start their gardens by picking seeds from plants that show no insect damage and are resistant to disease. In this way, they slowly but surely encourage a variety suitable to organic gardening.

Hybrid varieties, on the other hand, are a relatively recent arrival to the world of gardening. A cross between two parent varieties, most hybrids are the result of university or seed-company breeding programs.

To produce a hybrid, a plant breeder covers a vegetable plant as it comes into bloom to protect it from pollinating insects. Then, using a small, fine brush, the breeder cross-pollinates the plant with another, aiming to produce a new variety that combines the characteristics of both parents. For example, an early-ripening, small-fruited tomato may be crossed with a late-ripening large-fruited tomato to produce a hybrid that is both early and large-fruited.

Hybrid seeds are produced in a carefully controlled labor-intensive process that virtually guarantees consistent results, making them very expensive.

Most hybrid vegetables have seeds, but saving and replanting them is a waste of time. Sometimes the seeds are sterile, especially in flowers. Even if they are viable, next year's crop will not resemble the plants they were taken from. As a result, gardeners who grow hybrids become dependent on the seed companies that now even patent the varieties they develop.

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To collect seeds, you don't have to have a large plot of land deep in the countryside. If you are short on space you can always start with seeds from herb plants. A few flowerpots on the terrace are all you need to get started.

Most of the seedy herbs such as dill, caraway, fennel, coriander, parsley and cumin are members of the large umbellifer family (*Apiaceae*). As their name implies, the flowers of the plants are carried in fairly large umbrella-like structures.

Wait until the flowers have produced seeds and cut the seed-bearing stems directly into a large paper bag or box, catching the seeds as they scatter.

Seeds from nearly all annual flowers are also worth collecting. However, take into consideration that the resulting plants may not be identical to the parent. Differences occur due to cross pollination by insects. Hybrid seeds produce even more variations.

Collection of seeds from vegetables involves leaving a few plants in the ground after the rest have been harvested.

The best time of the day for seed collection is 10 a.m., when the dew has evaporated. Snip seed heads into envelopes and mark with a date.

Leave the envelopes to dry in a cool place until you can clean the seeds from the husks. When you clean, use a sieve with a gange large enough to let the seeds go through.

The seeds must be completely dry before you store them – if they retain any moisture they may sprout prematurely or even rot.

Wet cleaning is used for those plants that carry their seeds in moist flesh, such as tomatoes, melons, pumpkins and cucumbers. For these, scoop out the seeds into a large container of water and clean them.

Collect the seeds with a sieve and run water over them to remove all the small bits of flesh. Dry on a newspaper or paper towel for 7-10 days.

It is not a good idea to hasten the process in the oven or microwave, as too much heat will kill the seeds.

Larger seeds such as pumpkins, watermelons, beans and peas tend to last longer than smaller seeds such as lettuce.

Heat and moisture are the enemies of stored seed and should only be restored to them when you are ready to plant and start a new crop.

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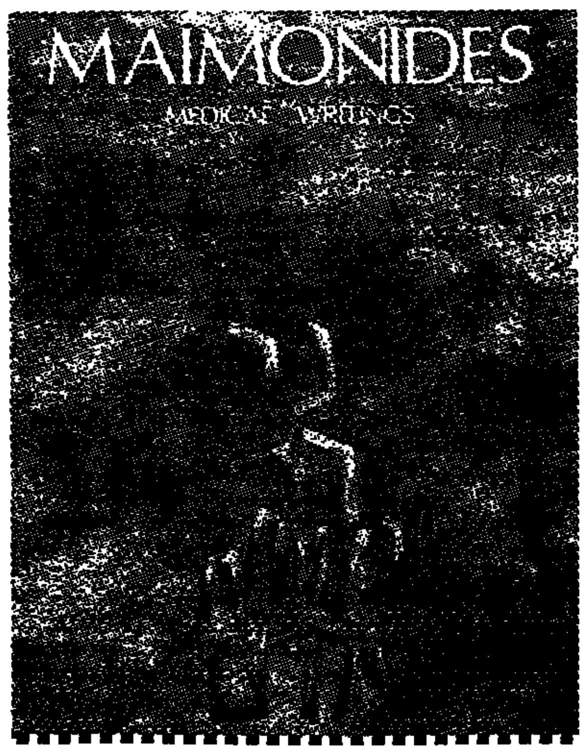
Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, POB 3943, Jerusalem 91039

TIP OF THE WEEK

The novice seed harvester should start with plants that produce a good crop of seeds such as basil, beans, coriander, chives, dill, fennel, garlic, carrot, parsley, peas, sweet peas, stock, [illegible] poppy, tomato, thyme, sorrel, poppy, celosia, amaranthus, morning glory, marigold, helichrysum, alyssum and zinnia.

The basil plant is one of the easiest herbs to collect seeds from. Wait until the white flowers fade and cut off the stem to dry on paper for a few days.

If you collect your own sunflower and pumpkin seeds, these can also be eaten.



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Lost a pet? Don't panic

By D'vora Ben Shaul

When a beloved pet gets lost, it is usually a family crisis. Many people waste so much time worrying that they never take any positive action. Here are a few pointers on how to get your pet back:

If the animal is an unneutered male dog or cat the chances are good that he isn't lost at all, just chasing a female of his species and will likely show up within a few days. But many things can befall an animal in these circumstances, and this alone is a good reason to neuter males that are not being kept specifically for breeding. It is also a very valid reason not to let dogs run about, even in their own neighborhood.

In any case, if it's a lost dog or cat, visit (not telephone) the local impounding facilities and the animal shelters. Put up notices on neighborhood telephone poles and bulletin boards, ask local shops to display the notice and notify the veterinarians in the area.

Also ask the veterinarians to let you post a handbill in their office waiting room. People who have dogs and cats are far more likely to be aware of a strange dog or cat in their area than are other people. Put a notice in the newspapers if you can afford it, and always offer a reward.

One Jerusalem woman whose cat was lost had handbills printed with her pet's photo and offered a reward. She handed the bills to pupils at a nearby school and within 24 hours her cat was home.

If you can enlist the assistance of a few dozen youngsters, you will have a staff of the sharpest-eyed, most energetic little detectives money could buy.

Also, be sure that your pet always has a license tag and an identity disc with your phone number attached to the collar. This applies to cats as well as dogs.

I once made the mistake of putting a collar on my Siamese cat without adding an identity disc. He disappeared one Friday evening. I posted notices and sure enough, got him back. It turned out that two boys, taking an after-dinner stroll on Friday night, saw the cat rummaging in a garbage bin.

Since he was wearing a collar and was eating garbage they assumed that the "poor creature" was lost, so they took him to a local woman who ran an unofficial cat shelter. Had he been wearing an identity disc they would have known that the "poor thing" was right outside his own home and just happened to like rummaging in garbage bins.

In the case of a lost bird, some of the same rules apply. Do put up notices. If the bird is one of the parrot-parakeet family, you should also notify all the local pet shops. But, most important of all, go to the zoo and any other outdoor aviaries in the surrounding two to three kilometers.

A free-flying parrot or parakeet will almost always home in on the sound of others of his kind, for these are very gregarious birds and will often be found trying desperately to get into the cage where the action is.

But most of all, don't panic and stay optimistic. Many lost animals are taken in by people who have no idea how to find the owner. Make sure they get a chance to know that your pet is missing.

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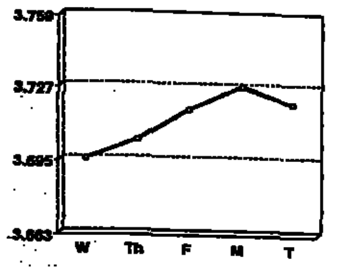
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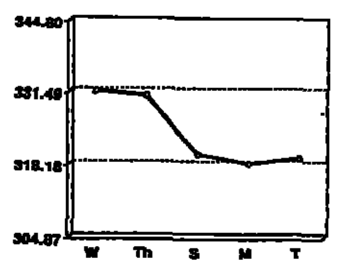
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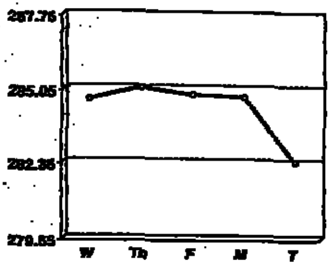
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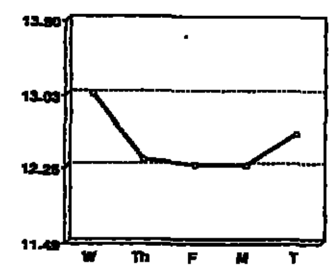
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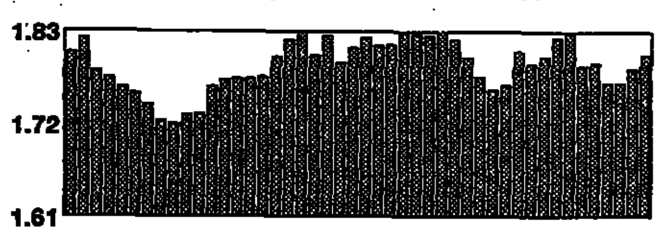

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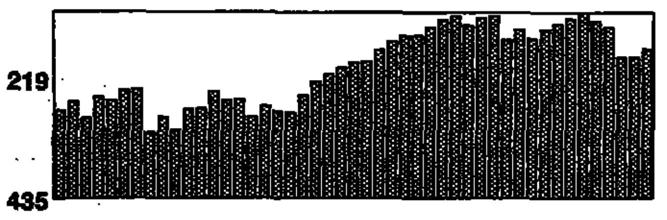

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Polgat suffers NIS 75.28m. loss in 2nd quarter

Polgat Ltd., the Petah Tikva-based textile concern, moved into the red in the second quarter, reporting a NIS 75.28 million loss yesterday, compared with a profit of $935,000 in the same quarter last year, mostly due to a one-time loss from the sale of its retail activities to Golf-Kitan.

The deal with Kitan, which paid NIS 22m. for the retail operations, is to take effect next week. The sale was made as part of a change in company strategy to focus on exports, which rose by 30% in the quarter to $67m., compared with $51m. last year.

Revenues in the second quarter were up 7.2% to NIS 162.74m., compared with NIS 151.45m. in the same quarter last year. Total one-time costs in the quarter were $18.3m.

The company said that as part of its reorganization it intends to separate its Bagir line and Polgat Textiles into two separate companies.

The company said it planned to boost production of Bagir clothing by establishing a joint venture in Egypt and buying a production facility in Portugal to supply Europe.

In May, Polgat signed a deal to establish a joint venture in Jordan to do sewing, in which it is to invest $2.6m. Polgat said it would boost the process of moving its production to countries with lower labor costs. *Nina Gilbert*

Wertheimer opens $10m. industrial park

The new $10 million Lavon industrial park has been opened by industrialist Stef Wertheimer, near his Tefen park in Galilee.

The Lavon site is 5 km. south of Tefen and covers some 120 dunams. It has five buildings with some 12,000 sq.m. of industrial space.

The Lavon park was established after demand for space at Tefen *exceeded the supply. It will be managed by the Tefen park management.*

The Tsur College for industrial studies is to relocate to Lavon from the Tefen park. *Nina Gilbert*

Benefits approved for projects worth $33m.

The Industry and Trade Ministry's Investment Center this week approved capital investment aid for projects worth $33m.

Under a ministry order to aid international projects, tax benefits were also approved for Merhav's $11.7m. work in services and planning for the Turkmeni gas project.

The ministry also approved aid for a $2.2 million expansion to Geo Interactive Media Group's Givatayim facility for developing Internet applications. *Nina Gilbert*

Sharansky: '99 already a lost year

By DAVID HARRIS

Current fiscal and monetary *policies mean 1999 will be a wast*ed year for the economy, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said yesterday.

"To my dismay, the budget proposal proffered by the Finance Ministry does not provide a solution to the disturbing unemployment statistics," he said.

On Monday, the Central Bureau of Statistics said the jobless rate had hit 9.4 percent during the second quarter, meaning the number of people out of work and actively seeking employment in that period increased to 213,200.

"*The policies of the Treasury* and Bank of Israel are a breeding ground for the growth of unemployment in the future, too," Sharansky said.

His renewed criticism of macroeconomic policy came as the CBS announced industrial production showed 2.5% annualized growth during the first half of the year, but no growth between April and June, according to initial figures. At the same time, the number of hours worked declined 0.5% between January and June.

1999 Budget

The central bank's integrated index of economic indicators, published yesterday, showed a 0.1% fall in July, after declines of 0.6% and 0.7% in May and June respectively.

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman this week began a round of talks with cabinet ministers in a bid to persuade them to accept the Treasury's 1999 state budget proposals. Ministers have already agreed to set the overall budget at NIS 217 billion, with expenditure at NIS 173.8b. However, the particulars will only be decided when the cabinet meets on September 6.

Neeman also spoke to the media in a bid to show the government is implementing the correct economic measures. "Unemployment will only fall if we press forward on the road to reducing government expenditures on consumption and their transfer to creating an appropriate economic infrastructure for the country," he said. "This will allow the business sector to create jobs. That is the only way."

Dan Gillerman, the chairman of the Federation of Chamber's of Commerce, accused Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel of being virtually singlehandedly responsible for the jump in unemployment. His policies are "likely to mean that the governor himself will be the next one to lose his job," he said.

A British Aerospace handout photo of an artist's impression of an Airbus A320 in British Airways livery. British Airways confirmed yesterday that it has ordered 59 of the European-built planes. (AP)

BA to buy planes from Airbus for $8.5b.

By ANDREA ROTHMAN and FREDERIC TOMESCO

PARIS (Bloomberg) – British Airways Plc said it will buy as many as 220 planes worth as much as $13 billion from Airbus Industrie and Boeing Co. to revamp its fleet as it gets ready to take on more competition in Europe.

Europe's largest airline said it will buy as many as 188 A320 planes, the first time it has ever ordered aircraft from the European partnership. The move deals a blow to Boeing, which loses its role as the airline's *exclusive supplier. BA said it* may buy up to 32 planes from the US aircraft maker.

"Although some of its markets are looking fragile, BA is making a *statement* about the long-term growth prospects," said Guy Kekwick, an airline analyst at Goldman Sachs. "Some of the Airbus planes it bought today will go to Air Liberte and TAT – proof it's optimistic about its European regional operations."

BA plans to fly smaller planes and offer more frequent services to target business travelers, the most lucrative customer. Airlines have increased services to Europe since the removal of barriers last year. Europe is becoming more important as slumping Asian economies damp growth prospects to the region.

BA said it will buy 59 A320 planes, taking options for an additional 129. BA also said it is placing orders for 16 Boeing wide-body 777s, with options for an additional 16.

The order for A320-family short-range jets, worth as much as $8.5 billion if all options are exercised, marks one of the French planemaker's biggest victories against Boeing Co., the world's biggest aircraft maker. The Boeing order will be worth as much as $4.8b.

For Boeing, the loss of its role as BA's only supplier caps one of the worst 12 months in its history as it struggles with production bottlenecks that helped push it to a full-year loss.

Though it usually holds two-thirds or more of the world's aircraft market, the Seattle-based planemaker trailed Airbus in first-half orders.

BA has the largest fleet in Europe, with about 350 planes, including subsidiaries in France, Germany, and its half-dozen franchise carriers. The carrier needs the short-haul planes to replace older Boeing 737s in its European network.

"We think Europe will see big increases in point-to-point traffic, this fleet really takes this into account" said Michael Blunt, a spokesman for BA.

The Airbus planes will be equipped with engines made by International Aero Engines, a consortium that includes Rolls-Royce Plc, United Technologies Corp.'s Pratt & Whitney unit, and Germany's MTU. Rolls-Royce said in a statement that its share of the order could potentially be worth more than $830 million.

Airbus is a partnership made up of British Aerospace, France's Aerospatiale SA, Germany's Daimler Benz AG, and Spain's Construcciones Aeronauticas.

BIRD to invest millions in biotech project

By JUDY SIEGEL

The US-Israel Binational Research and Development Foundation (BIRD) will support a joint project of Biotechnology General-Israel and the US startup company MVP.

The two companies will develop a drug for people suffering from patients with gout and cancer well as organ transplant patients, who have inflammation due to the accumulation of uric acid in their *joints and kidneys.*

The medication is meant for patients whose existing treatment for the inflammations has not been effective and sometimes even *endangers their lives. It will be* one of the first original drugs to be developed by an Israeli company, according to BIRD Foundation director Dov Hirshberg.

*The cost of developing, produc*tion and marketing of the new drug will total $20 million to $30 million over a period of 10 years and the BIRD Foundation will cover up to half of the cost without getting a percentage of ownership from the companies; however, it will receive royalties from sales.

It's unusual for a local pharmaceutical company to get involved in such an expensive, complicated and long-term project – and for an established Israeli firm to initiate a partnership with a US startup.

"The situation is usually the opposite — an Israeli startup and an established US company," Hirshberg noted.

The potential sales of the drug could reach $500 million, as tens of thousands of patients will need it.

Biotechnology General-Israel will start marketing the drug, called PEG-Uricase, in another five years, and MVP will get royalties.

The medication contains an enzyme taken from a mammal that is meant to break down excess uric acid, along with a blocking compound that prevents the immune system from rejecting the enzyme.

Clal to buy 60% of Ace

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Clal Consumer Leasing yesterday announced that it has reached an agreement with retail chain Super-Sol and paint producer Tambour to buy 60 percent of Ace-Kneh-Uvneh for NIS 49.2 million.

The agreement replaces a previous agreement in which Clal was to acquire 11% of the do-it-yourself chain for NIS 7.9m., while holding an option to acquire the remaining 49% by the beginning of 2003.

Following the deal, Ace-Kneh-Uvneh, which operates 10 stores, will be fully owned by Clal Consumer, which is controlled by businessman Gad Ze'evi.

Following the completion of the deal, Super-Sol will receive NIS 32.8m. for its 40% stake, while Tambour gets NIS 16.4m. Super-Sol said it expects to report a capital gain after tax of some NIS 7m., while Tambour is expected to present a capital gain of about NIS 3.5m.

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Phoenicia: European glass being dumped here

By NINA GILBERT

Phoenicia Glass Works, the Yeroham-based maker of glass containers, has filed a complaint with the Industry and Trade Ministry against the import of competing products from Europe, which it says are being dumped on the local market.

The company, a subsidiary of Koor Industries, submitted information which it says shows that glass containers are being imported from Spain, Greece, Italy, Germany, Portugal and Turkey and sold here at lower prices than charged in Europe.

Aryeh Bar, head of the ministry's Trade Levies Department, said the ministry has launched an investigation.

The government can impose a levy if it is shown to be causing industry here real harm, Bar noted.

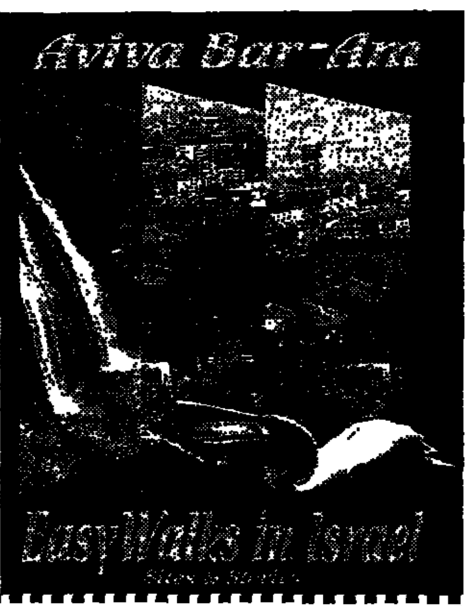
Phoenicia chairman Savinoam Avivi said the imports are hurting the factory's sales and could threaten the company's existence. A Canadian company, Consumers Packaging Inc., recently became a partner in the factory, which has some 300 workers.

The Manufacturers Association yesterday issued a protest against the *government's slow handling* of dumping cases, saying in other countries the incidents are resolved within months.

However, Bar said that under international law, the ministry has a year to resolve such complaints.

At the same time, he said that levies approved by a public committee – on Spanish steel, PVC from the US, and MDF from several countries – and signed by Industry and Trade Ministry Natan Sharansky have not yet been implemented because Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman has been refusing to sign the orders.

Neeman has been opposed to signing such orders because the Treasury wants to ensure competition.



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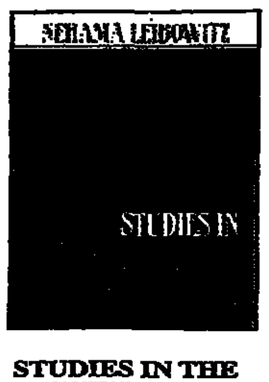

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THE BUSINESS SCENE

By Greer Fay Cashman

Liora Birnhack Markus

In addition to the special safety precautions provided for visiting VIPS, some of the movers and shakers from the worlds of politics and business brought their own security personnel to Israel to accompany them on the Aish Hatorah 50th Anniversary Tribute Mission. Several members of the mission will be honored this week at a gala dinner at the Knesset to be attended by Prime Minister **Binyamin Netanyahu**. Among the honorees are Senator **Joseph R. Biden** of Delaware, the ranking Democrat in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and a member of the Senate Judiciary; **Jeffrey Citron** of New Jersey, CEO of Datek Online Holding, the fourth largest online brokerage with assets in excess of $1 billion; **Henry Edelson** of New Jersey, managing partner in Edelson Technology; **Ken Goldman** of California chief financial officer of At Home Network, the leading supplier of high-speed data over cable modems; **David Krischer** of Atlanta, chairman and CEO of Suburban Lodges of America, plus some half dozen other international personalities.

At a farewell reception hosted by the committee of the Israel-Canada Chamber of Commerce for **Ruth Zeisler**, the Commercial Counselor at the Canadian Embassy, Chamber president **Yehuda Raveh** lauded Zeisler, who is returning to Canada after a highly successful tour of duty in Israel. Raveh noted that the Israel-Canada Free Trade Agreement had come into operation during Zeisler's term of office, and that her efforts since then had contributed to expanded economic relations between the two countries.

Liora Birnhack Markus has been appointed chairperson of the public board of the Food Division at the Israel Export Institute. This is one of several executive positions which she holds. Among others are the chairmanships of the Postal Bank, the Dor Hemshech of the Israel Manufacturers Association and the Haifa Zoo. One of the major goals which Birnhack-Markus has set for herself at her new post is to get many more small- to medium-sized food processing companies to join the IEI.

Israel Management Center General Manager **Chaim Kaminitz** is walking around with a broad smile after last week's signing of a cooperation agreement between the IMC's Israel Forum of Competitive Intelligence and the Washington-based Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals. IFCI Chairman **Michael Belkin** says that the agreement facilitates exchange of data, joint ventures, numerous benefits for IFCI members and the right to use the SCIP emblem.

Rami Lazar has been appointed executive vice-president for marketing and sales at Nice Systems. Lazar, 45, has been associated with the founders of Nice Systems since the company's inception and has served as a company director since 1991. He has a degree in electronic engineering from the Haifa Technion and a master's degree in Business Administration from Tel Aviv University.

Rami Lazar (Sivan Farag)

The fun and games account

High-risk, fast-paced trading is an exciting lesson in market mechanisms

Online trading makes buying and selling stocks easy, fast and cheap. Is that a good thing? Not entirely.

The way to make money in stocks is to buy them and hold them for a long time. In theory, you can do your buying and holding electronically, but, in practice, the Internet makes the temptation to trade – i.e., to own stocks for a short time only – practically irresistible.

And, as two finance professors from the University of California recently concluded, "trading is hazardous to your wealth." In a breakthrough study, Brad M. Barber and Terrance Odean examined the discount brokerage accounts of 64,715 investors and found that those who did the least trading earned returns that were 75 percent higher than those who did the most.

But don't worry. This won't be another buy-and-hold sermonette. On the contrary. I believe there's a legitimate place for fast-paced trading, electronic or otherwise, in what I call a Fun and Games Account (FGA), a pot of money for the market, as opposed to investing for a long-term goal like retirement.

Here are the FGA's characteristics:

1. It must be small, representing no more than 10 percent of the total funds you're committing to stocks.

2. It must be completely walled off from your main investment account. Keep your FGA with an online broker, for example, and your long-term investment account elsewhere.

3. All taxes associated with the FGA must be paid from that account alone.

4. It has to be funded with money you can afford to lose. Write a check or transfer the money electronically, and assume that the whole thing is gone. In fact, it soon may be.

5. It should serve two purposes: as a way to have fun and a way to learn.

Trading stocks is a diversion that should not be confused with actual investing. Trading is based on a faulty premise: that you can figure out which way stocks will move in the short term. No one can, but nearly everyone needs to go through the experience of discovering this lesson personally.

So trade to your heart's content in your FGA. At the end of a year – if your money holds out – compare your after-tax performance with your investment account and with the broad market.

There are three reasons it is unlikely your FGA will win:

1. Trading, even at $7.95 a pop, cuts into profits.

2. Taxes on short-term gains are steep.

3. Many amateur traders sell and buy at the wrong time, as fear and greed overwhelm logic.

But go ahead. Try an FGA, online or otherwise.

Here are some suggestions on what to do with it:

– Buy momentum. The easiest plays for short-term investors are momentum buys; you purchase a hot stock that has been rising and sell it at the first sign that the move is over. This activity is similar to jumping onto a moving train and approximately as dangerous – but that's what an FGA is all about.

To find out what's hot, simply check the list of new highs that appears each weekday in the *Wall Street Journal*. Lately, it's been a short list: just 44 stocks Thursday on the New York and Nasdaq exchanges (compared with 460 new lows).

Among the hottest of the hot is Dell Computer Corp., which, appropriately enough, sells custom-packaged computers online, with remarkably efficient service and low prices.

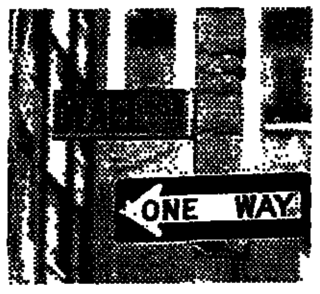
If you had bought 1,000 shares of Dell in 1993 at $19.50 each (total: $19,500), you would on Aug. 20, after splits, have owned 16,000 shares at $120.50 each (total: $1,928,000). In other words, Dell is up by a factor of 100 in five years.

But, more important for momentum traders, Dell is zooming right now, rising by $16.50 in the first four days of last week. And Wall Street loves the stock: Bloomberg News reports that 21 analysts recommend it as a "buy" or "strong buy," 12 call it a "hold," and only one says Dell is a "sell." By the way, Dell trades at a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of 65.

Also recently hitting a new high is Xircom, Inc., which makes high-tech communications products for computers. Xircom, which lost money last year, trades at a P/E of 38, based on expected earnings for 1998. The stock is up 162 percent this year and has doubled since mid-June alone. It's a favorite of analyst William Becklean of Tucker Anthony, Inc., the Boston investment firm.

A momentum stock with a more conventional line of business is Tricon Global Restaurants, Inc., which owns Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell and Pizza Hut and was spun off from Pepsico, Inc., last September. Shares soared from $31.81 Monday to $39.63 Thursday on higher earnings estimates.

Ways of Wall Street



By JAMES K. GLASSMAN

Other hot stocks in recent days: Ball Corp., which makes jars; Amazon.com, Inc., the on-line book and music seller, which has tripled since May; Kroger Co., the supermarket giant that has been cited lately as a possible buyer of another chain; Omnicom Group, Inc., a string of advertising agencies whose stock has jumped 25% since June; and Pitney Bowes, Inc., also up 25% in two months.

– Time the market. Try your hand at predicting the turns in the market as a whole. If you think the market will rise, then buy S&P 500 Depositary Receipts, more commonly known as SPDRs or "Spyders." These are shares that trade on the American Stock Exchange and represent one-tenth the value of the Standard & Poor's 500-Stock Index.

Also available on the American exchange are Diamonds (or Diamonds Trust Series I), which are shares indexed to the Dow Jones industrial average and trade at roughly one-tenth its value.

But most timers these days will probably want to bet against the market. After all, if you're a bull, you can buy the stocks themselves.

One way to take a bearish position is simply to sell SPDRs or Diamonds short, which means borrowing shares and selling them today and then returning them to the lender at a future date when they are (you hope) worth less – or, even better, worthless. Short sales, however, involve borrowing costs and possible margin calls.

Another way to win a bet that the market will fall is to buy bearish mutual funds, including Rydex Ursa, ProFunds UltraBear and Prudent Bear.

Ursa simply shorts the S&P index (or buys "puts," which is doing the same thing). UltraBear is leveraged so that shareholders earn roughly double the inverse performance of the S&P: If it falls 20%, they make 40%; if it rises 20%, they lose 40%. And Prudent Bear takes short positions in stocks. This year (whoops), it's down 23%.

– Go to the dogs. You can also use your FGA for buying stocks that have been beaten down, in order to ride them up. Be aware that this can be a risky strategy for short-term online traders since sleeping dogs can lie for a long, long time before rising.

The best (or worst) of the dogs can be found, of course, in Asian markets. Daniel Siever, editor of *The PAD System Report*, suggests Korea's Pohang Iron and Steel, the world's most efficient producer, which trades as an American Depositary Receipt (ADR) on the New York exchange. Pohang stock is down 57% in the past 12 months and 40% since March alone. Its P/E, based on estimates of 1999 earnings, is just 6.6.

Another way to bet on Asia's dogs is to buy shares of closed-end country funds, which are portfolios that trade just like individual shares on US exchanges. The Korea Fund, for example, jumped from $5.50 to $8 a share between mid-June and mid-July, but by Friday had fallen back to $6.06. The Thai Fund fell 25% in 1996 and 67% in 1997. And the Indonesia Fund is off 61% in the past 12 months. Are turnarounds ahead?

Or consider some American dogs. FDX Corp., parent of Federal Express and a favorite of *Dow Theory Forecasts* newsletter, has lost one-third of its value since April and now trades at a P/E, based on estimates for the fiscal year ending in May 1999, of just 12.

CoreComm, Inc., a cellular operator recommended by Merrill Lynch & Co., fell 35% in late July and early August. And Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., the gaming firm that's down by more than one-third, was recently upgraded to a "near-term buying opportunity" by Salomon Smith Barney.

In fact, let's end with a casino stock since FGA plays, online or not, are not much different from gambling. As long as you remember that, you can have fun and learn something, too. Just don't confuse what you're doing with investing.

(The Washington Post)

Marsh & McLennan to buy Sedgwick

Marsh & McLennan, the world's largest insurance broker, agreed to buy Sedgwick Group Plc, Europe's largest independent broker, for £1.25 billion ($2.05b.) in cash or loan notes to increase its presence in Europe and the Far East.

New York-based Marsh & McLennan said it will pay 225 pence per Sedgwick share, representing a premium of 57.9 percent over the closing price yesterday, or £11.25 per Sedgwick American depository share.

"This price is meant to be the killer blow," said Chris Rathbone, an insurance analyst with Williams de Broe in London.

He added it was designed to deter Aon Corp. of Chicago, which has been growing through acquisition, from coming in with a counter bid. Sedgwick shares were up 76.5 pence or 54% to 219p in early trading in London.

Insurance brokers – like other financial companies around the world – are consolidating to save costs, gain market share and expand into new businesses. Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co last month said it was leading an investor group buying Britain's Willis Corroon Group Plc for £851 million in cash.

The purchase cements Marsh & McLennan's position as the world's largest insurance broker. Its rank has been threatened in the past by Aon Corp.'s aggressive acquisition strategy.

Aon bought Alexander & Alexander Services Inc. for $1.23b. in January 1997. Marsh & McLennan responded with its $1.8b. purchase of Johnson & Higgins in March 1997.

Sedgwick denied in December that it was in talks with Aon after the *Mail on Sunday* newspaper reported that Aon was expected to offer £1b. for the UK broker.

Aon "will feel fairly disadvantaged" if Sedgwick adds $1.3b. to Marsh's revenue, Williams de Broe's Rathbone said. "It leaves them a fair way behind and yes there will be fallout."

(Bloomberg)

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MUTUAL FUNDS

FLEXIBLE

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Abir	231.26	230.59	- 0.22	+4.69	19.1
Adar Flexible	109.01	107.68	+ 1.03	+7.11	28.1
Afikim Flexible	208.90	206.22	+ 1.46	+0.01	17.6
Ahrayut Flexible	496.84	487.98	- 5.55	-2.76	2.7
Alomot Flexible	110.19	108.33	- 0.75	—	11.4
Analyst Deversified	818.67	799.75	+ 2.87	+ 10.53	69.0
Apex Flexible	183.18	182.58	- 1.83	+ 17.65	39.7
Arximedes	102.50	100.56	- 5.17	+7.20	0.8
Avuka	1962.98	1956.77	- 1.94	+2.93	5.6
Bloch Rotstein Flexible	226.51	223.86	- 3.23	+8.32	34.5
Clal Flexible	1184.38	1180.72	- 1.04	+3.16	4.8
Dikla Mamon	269.20	267.30	- 3.74	+1.33	25.8
Dikla Meirav	182.31	181.94	- 4.11	+1.16	11.2
Dikla Moked	3520.88	3495.21	- 0.63	+4.89	77.5
Dovrat Shrem Flexible	169.84	166.30	- 2.25	-6.57	32.2
Emda Idit	4140.57	4097.54	- 2.52	+3.69	32.3
Epsilon Flexible	170.32	169.71	- 2.48	+9.20	12.4
Evergreen Flexible	123.26	122.25	- 1.09	+0.53	8.7
Excellence Flexible	3212.13	3168.25	- 0.36	+9.55	8.0
Igud Bonds	107.88	107.39	+ 3.51	+3.01	5.3
Igud Flexible	176.34	175.21	+ 2.44	+9.02	18.8
Igud Shikit	142.15	142.01	+ 1.00	+8.84	321.0
Ilanot 30 Plus	151.71	150.91	- 2.86	-1.39	3.3
Ilanot 90	263.36	261.97	- 2.68	+4.44	26.4
Ilanot Tidhar	3411.52	3402.90	- 2.02	+5.29	76.7
Kivun Flexible	126.03	124.91	- 0.83	+3.35	6.1
Lahak Duhifat	777.98	764.35	- 2.60	+4.29	74.0
Lamashkoa	—	—	—	—	5.8
Lapid	1639.81	1639.81	- 2.62	+2.19	5.9
Maofim Bonds	105.32	104.30	+ 1.19	—	7.5
Maofim Flexible	157.91	155.10	- 3.38	+ 12.85	13.5
Maritime Flexible Fund	104.26	102.34	- 1.59	+ 13.08	13.4
Meitav Flexible	169.02	167.16	- 1.88	+7.16	3.2
Models Flexible	111.93	109.57	- 2.86	-1.14	10.7
Models Teuza	103.26	101.11	- 1.86	+6.76	4.9
Moritz Money Market	142.33	142.33	+ 0.63	+7.94	16.6
Nesua Flexible	2609.19	2595.14	- 4.55	+0.98	11.1
Notz	103.80	103.40	- 5.33	- 15.55	0.3
Noga	939.47	927.36	+ 1.32	+8.75	46.1
Omer Pekan	198.48	194.91	- 3.24	-3.63	22.0
Otzar Flexible	107.61	105.75	- 0.06	+6.45	4.7
Pia Hayovel	240.21	238.97	- 1.65	+ 19.44	49.5
Pia Kela	979.85	974.97	- 0.70	+8.43	315.4
Psagot Gamish	608.55	597.79	- 2.17	+5.65	151.1
Psagot Megama	363.73	360.83	- 2.34	+8.13	85.5
Quantum	100.88	99.59	+ 0.70	-1.71	0.2
Ramco Flexible	180.73	178.59	+ 0.33	+6.06	6.2
Saar Flexible	235.02	231.94	- 0.18	+6.82	5.0
Saar Pekan	209.78	209.17	+ 0.37	+9.05	208.0
Sigma Flexible	103.17	102.08	- 4.86	+2.24	9.3
Sivan	297.25	293.42	- 2.69	+ 12.56	75.4
Telescope	127.10	126.69	+ 3.83	+0.59	2.0
Yaad Flexible	106.15	105.11	- 1.18	+5.35	5.3
Yesodot	3378.93	3319.09	+ 2.57	+9.78	35.0
Zeller Flexible	85.39	85.46	- 4.02	-9.09	4.3
Zion Flexible	16124.57	16066.10	- 7.13	+ 13.91	14.0

SHARES

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Adif Pekan	126.98	124.73	+ 1.76	+8.54	39.3
Afikim Shares	287.86	284.14	+ 0.18	+2.43	15.5
Ahrayut Oil & Shares	133.56	130.87	- 1.61	- 15.09	1.5
Ahrayut Real Estate	222.51	218.01	- 2.62	-1.21	7.6
Ahrayut Shares	324.73	318.93	- 5.52	-3.00	3.0
Alomot Growth	98.32	96.62	+ 4.57	—	1.2
Analyst Aggressive	188.62	184.71	+ 2.73	+ 10.46	53.7
Analyst Equity	1325.92	1295.09	+ 1.13	+ 11.46	151.6
Analyst Industries	410.64	401.12	+ 1.39	+ 10.96	60.3
Apex Shares	116.70	116.17	- 2.59	+ 16.55	15.7
Atlas Pekan	—	—	—	—	33.1
Baron	223.43	222.72	- 3.07	-3.32	13.4
Bloch Rotstein Shares	117.72	115.41	- 3.85	+ 15.58	17.8
Capital Shares	97.53	96.29	- 5.01	+5.55	4.6
Chemical Pekan	128.11	125.65	+ 1.57	+7.32	6.6
Clal Maof	253.23	250.51	- 4.05	+2.88	22.6
Clal Shares & Conv.	160.20	159.70	- 1.33	+7.69	2.5
Dikla Maagal	104.07	103.25	- 3.83	-0.09	13.8
Dikla Madad Maof	216.87	215.71	- 3.95	+3.35	79.0
Dikla Meretz	553.19	548.90	- 3.44	+4.83	79.7
Dikla Miftan	117.36	116.44	- 1.18	-4.40	38.4
Dikla Migzar Finance	132.17	131.16	- 3.20	+5.03	37.8
Dikla Mikud 30	71.09	70.54	- 6.02	-2.85	39.0
Dikla Mivneh	369.60	366.87	+ 1.75	+2.82	26.2
Dikla Mondial	—	—	—	—	16.8
Dikla Mor	1604.18	1592.04	- 2.65	+2.18	93.8
Dovrat Shrem 100	109.68	107.42	- 4.67	-1.88	16.5
Dovrat Shrem Yeter	123.82	121.26	- 3.86	-2.71	13.9
Emda Export	89.14	88.24	- 2.93	+4.33	9.9
Emda High Tech	—	—	—	—	9.8
Emda Maof	225.83	223.94	- 4.06	+3.82	35.3
Emda Paz	192.61	190.63	- 2.51	+5.02	12.4
Emda Shalhevet	172.87	171.58	- 3.16	+6.99	14.6
Emda T-A 100	2100.48	2078.15	- 3.26	+3.42	53.1
Emda Yeter	1691.57	1673.62	- 2.03	+1.30	23.5
Epsilon 35	114.99	114.56	- 3.50	+ 13.39	35.8
Epsilon Shares	200.77	200.02	- 2.74	+8.97	16.8
Epsilon Technologies	—	—	—	—	12.6
Erez Pekan	362.18	361.03	- 1.01	+9.49	165.0
Esh	585.61	574.11	- 5.99	-4.50	2.3
Evergreen High Tech.	—	—	—	—	11.1
Evergreen Shares	164.99	163.63	- 1.48	+2.12	18.9
Excellence Agresive	274.56	271.55	- 0.50	+ 13.94	9.4
Excellence Shares	658.73	656.02	- 3.20	+ 14.23	8.6
Eyal Shares	142.75	142.75	- 3.58	+6.01	7.3
Gal	125.90	124.28	- 1.44	+8.54	16.0
Hon Pekan	115.34	113.30	- 2.95	+1.82	63.1
Igud Maof	98.99	98.51	- 4.42	+3.67	11.2
Igud Shares	158.43	155.36	+ 1.21	+5.96	8.9
Igud Yeter	108.63	108.00	- 0.94	-0.35	10.7
Ilanot Caramim	174.79	173.88	- 1.96	+4.92	90.3
Ilanot Communication	115.79	115.16	- 4.62	+6.60	65.7
Ilanot Dekel	3268.68	3251.47	- 3.68	+3.79	105.2
Ilanot Finance	98.70	98.18	- 3.41	+3.67	15.1
Ilanot Globe	—	—	—	—	12.9
Ilanot Maof	213.81	212.80	- 4.18	+4.08	62.3
Ilanot Nadlan	1530.45	1522.24	- 0.22	—	32.5
Ilanot Nimrezet	82.96	82.54	- 6.48	-3.61	6.2
Ilanot Shares	5116.44	5089.63	- 3.93	+1.26	9.5
Ilanot Shchakim	57.23	56.91	- 6.55	-1.66	17.7
Ilanot Shesek	963.08	957.96	- 2.53	+5.02	122.5
Ilanot T-A 100	2913.12	2898.02	- 3.96	+4.33	80.3
Israel America	—	—	—	—	1.2
Kohav Pekan	182.11	181.53	- 1.76	+9.32	111.1
Koor Money Market	136.32	136.32	+ 0.51	+9.73	502.3
Koor Shares	98.88	97.69	- 1.52	+5.21	9.6
Lahak Agresivi Plus	84.56	83.08	- 8.48	-5.07	21.1
Lahak Ankor	889.44	886.78	- 5.60	+2.16	38.4
Lahak Dividends	349.13	348.22	- 4.03	+ 13.20	81.0
Lahak Menayot 30	97.76	97.76	- 3.88	—	34.1
Lahak Menayot Yeter	118.50	117.56	- 2.92	+4.40	43.6
Lahak Nadlan	138.01	135.58	- 1.22	+5.20	32.2
Lahak TA-Wall Street	—	—	—	—	19.3
Lahak Tor 100	459.16	451.04	- 4.62	+5.09	83.2
Lahak Yetsu	78.63	78.41	- 4.47	+5.38	39.3
Lahak Zamir	853.91	851.25	- 4.90	+4.52	66.9
Maale Maof Pekan	194.89	191.46	- 3.58	+2.19	71.2
Magic	278.22	273.30	+ 1.52	+4.76	8.6
Merav High Tech	—	—	—	—	1.8
Meitav Options	48.52	47.75	- 4.99	+ 14.78	12.7
Meitav Shares	214.91	212.64	- 3.01	+4.05	5.6
Meitav Teuza	118.68	117.40	- 2.05	+7.09	5.6
Mercazit Caram Maniv	67.41	67.21	- 2.62	+1.30	2.3
Mercazit Maof	201.03	200.53	- 4.60	+2.16	2.2
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Mertingail Dynamic	107.93	107.78	- 2.36	+7.94	13.9
Neciha Continental	60.02	58.94	- 2.06	+2.84	13.6
Nesua Shares	458.75	456.02	- 4.64	+1.78	8.2
Nil T-A 100	1092.35	1078.31	- 2.45	+5.72	22.0
Omega	119.95	117.67	+ 1.97	-3.66	1.7
Otzar Foreign Int. Par.	155.48	156.48	- 1.01	+9.66	2.3
Otzar Shares	121.36	119.25	- 0.36	+7.02	6.6
Otzar Yeter	88.36	87.80	+ 0.03	+0.21	4.7
Pekan T-A 100	168.54	168.06	- 2.59	-4.30	66.5
Pia 2000	97.66	95.92	- 1.01	+4.96	23.4
Pia Bdolach T-A 100	1060.55	1041.79	- 4.38	+4.44	92.8
Pia Manof	145.42	142.82	- 1.56	+ 10.37	45.5
Pia Maof	208.33	204.58	- 3.47	+4.53	101.4
Pia Michlol	873.55	858.33	- 0.35	+ 10.53	132.7
Pia Odem	1341.96	1334.66	- 1.25	+ 13.36	173.8
Pia Otomz	—	—	—	—	34.3
Pia Yahalom	1186.32	1165.40	- 0.26	+ 12.30	71.1
Pia Zinuk	70.23	68.99	- 0.68	+ 10.44	40.4
Pritza	—	—	—	—	0.8
Psagot 20	91.93	90.30	- 3.37	—	175.1
Psagot Ai	88.92	87.32	- 4.17	+2.60	31.8
Psagot Focus	118.26	116.16	- 1.91	+7.33	96.9
Psagot High Tech	—	—	—	—	52.5
Psagot Mabat Lashalom	146.46	143.87	- 0.58	+ 12.79	42.2
Psagot Menayot	912.07	907.01	- 2.49	+8.62	176.9
Psagot T-A 100	407.53	405.26	- 3.47	+ 10.81	236.6
Psagot Yeter	202.30	198.71	- 1.22	+7.52	54.8
Raam 90	141.89	138.98	- 8.47	-5.33	6.1
Simodan Shares & Conv.	80.21	78.94	- 4.50	-2.76	0.6
Singer Bamea Financial	122.66	120.54	- 2.83	+7.44	0.7
Singer Bamea Shmura	152.39	151.93	- 2.62	+7.00	2.3
Tamir Fishman Tsmira	—	—	—	—	13.7
Tsuot Sufa	160.07	159.18	- 2.92	+ 10.83	25.2
Yaar	42.04	41.88	- 6.83	- 15.97	0.3
Zik	355.60	354.56	- 2.59	+0.71	3.5
Zion Shares	151.71	150.79	- 5.01	+1.31	3.8
Zion Yeter	94.24	93.30	- 2.69	-0.72	6.7

STATE BONDS

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Ahrayut State Bonds	463.82	457.88	+ 0.96	+4.90	4.5
Almog Pekan	288.84	283.77	+ 3.97	+1.42	105.6
Analyst Government Bonds	415.52	410.18	+ 2.57	+4.67	30.2
Clal Dolan	1272.40	1269.10	+ 0.87	+2.86	4.6
Clal State Bonds	493.85	492.59	+ 0.79	+3.07	8.4
Dikla Marom	6577.96	6530.15	+ 1.18	+6.55	33.9
Dikla Mivtah	1798.52	1784.84	+ 1.25	+7.06	32.7
Ducas	264.74	260.17	+ 1.69	+6.17	14.0
Emda Goverment Bond	1127.61	1118.91	+ 2.61	+2.32	47.5
Emda Leshem	1495.65	1481.08	+ 2.17	+2.20	27.5
Emda Sella	1455.85	1445.40	+ 1.25	+6.13	48.8
Epsilon Gov't Bonds	215.84	215.12	+ 0.89	+8.48	15.4
Geva	431.70	426.40	+ 2.41	+5.77	86.9
Hila Pekan	567.65	567.65	+ 2.52	+6.11	130.8
Ilanot Egoz	1211.71	1205.58	+ 1.83	+6.71	49.6
Ilanot Gov't Bonds	2555.98	2543.51	+ 1.47	+8.12	2.9
Ilanot Tapuah	702.94	699.52	+ 2.79	+2.58	30.1
Ilanot Tapuz	1127.30	1121.86	+ 1.81	+4.73	97.5
Lahak Etroni	576.19	566.24	+ 3.92	+1.91	34.2
Lahak Shahaf	152.69	150.04	+ 1.41	+6.59	52.3
Lahak Snunit	715.99	714.03	+ 1.97	+7.16	90.8
Maritime Government Bond	164.32	162.09	+ 1.13	+8.03	12.8
Meitav Gov't Bonds	126.94	125.95	+ 2.94	+7.26	9.7
Mekorit Pekan	124.66	122.47	+ 3.58	+4.29	17.4
Mercazit Gov't Bonds	162.79	161.63	+ 1.83	+5.39	5.7
Nesua Gov't Bonds	1424.44	1417.35	+ 0.02	+7.02	37.7
Otzar Gov't Bonds	160.40	157.64	+ 2.49	+5.28	13.5
Pia Conv' Bonds 50	261.16	259.94	+ 3.83	—	25.0
Pia Tarshish	144.24	141.70	+ 2.63	+5.69	239.0
Pia Zamid	4966.40	4878.97	+ 2.11	+4.85	153.3
Psagot Agach	621.13	610.15	+ 1.67	+9.00	50.4
Psagot Maala	458.24	454.60	+ 2.44	+6.95	51.6
Psagot Madad	594.20	583.69	+ 2.94	+6.73	80.4
Shavit Pekan	753.92	740.61	+ 2.95	+6.91	133.3
Sigma Gov't Bonds	140.73	139.03	+ 0.67	+3.55	1.1
Yaara Pekan	609.96	599.21	+ 3.81	+3.77	58.6
Yevul Pekan	776.85	774.56	+ 3.11	+5.04	145.3
Ziv	646.37	638.11	+ 2.76	+5.03	38.7
Zohar	536.47	529.72	+ 2.10	+5.43	37.5

COMPANY BONDS

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Afikim Bonds	332.44	328.26	+ 3.38	-0.85	37.8
Ahrayut Bonds	201.40	197.88	+ 2.38	+1.78	5.0
Amirim	135.12	134.12	+ 2.77	+3.55	24.2
Analyst Corporate Bonds	299.76	294.47	+ 2.73	+4.75	89.6
Analyst Money Market	163.40	162.95	+ 0.87	+7.47	15.9
Apex Tsua	147.87	147.38	+ 1.10	+ 10.83	61.4
Bloch Rotstein Bonds	171.68	169.29	+ 0.25	+8.37	14.4
Bond	165.34	164.22	+ 0.70	+1.64	9.9
Capital Bonds	160.56	159.43	+ 0.68	+7.87	11.7
Clal Company Debentures	215.99	215.36	+ 2.62	+5.23	2.9
Clal Gen' Bond Rating	106.78	106.47	+ 2.89	—	12.0
Clal Zmina	183.83	183.83	+ 0.43	+7.94	61.7
Dikla Maayan	1005.67	998.26	+ 1.57	+6.64	51.8
Dikla Magen Plus	105.73	105.73	+ 0.85	—	353.8
Dikla Mackorel Plus	150.97	150.97	+ 0.78	+8.50	439.3
Dikla Meimad	475.91	472.17	+ 1.97	+9.13	21.5
Dikla Mirvah	625.78	621.03	+ 1.31	+1.45	23.3
Dikla Mivhar	601.15	596.77	+ 2.78	+7.05	32.0
Dikla Nigvan	2089.96	2074.85	+ 0.34	+4.53	91.4
Dovrat Shrem Bonds	173.97	171.34	+ 1.37	+3.09	55.5
Emda Dynamit Magen	111.25	111.25	+ 0.13	+6.22	52.5
Emda Halamish	165.28	163.88	+ 1.63	+5.61	16.4
Emda Hamara	1169.15	1157.49	+ 2.24	+2.63	47.4
Emda Shikit	105.34	105.34	+ 0.70	+8.10	833.0
Epsilon Corp. Bonds	131.79	131.37	+ 0.86	+4.77	19.7
Epsilon Money Market	155.80	155.72	+ 0.53	+9.45	303.7
Evergreen Shkoola	161.76	160.91	+ 2.32	+5.33	28.5
Excellence Bonds	2228.23	2198.90	+ 2.80	+8.56	13.9
Eyal Corporate Bonds	155.75	155.17	+ 2.19	+3.19	4.3
Eyal Shotef	144.18	144.18	+ 0.66	+8.74	21.5
Guy	751.07	741.75	+ 1.80	+8.39	111.5
Hetz Pekan	626.20	626.20	+ 0.75	+8.06	------
I.B.I Shkalim	154.87	154.87	+ 1.24	+8.39	171.2
Igud Magen Shikit	103.16	103.05	- 0.69	—	25.5
Ilanot Ages	465.49	463.22	+ 2.01	+5.41	45.3
Ilanot Alon	2030.24	2020.37	+ 2.34	+8.39	41.3
Ilanot Armon	143.43	142.75	+ 2.18	+5.38	21.7
Ilanot Conv'bonds	3296.82	3279.70	+ 3.15	+5.39	8.3
Ilanot Eshel	818.50	814.47	+ 1.44	+6.31	82.6
Ilanot Etrog	1119.22	1113.41	+ 2.51	+5.73	54.5
Ilanot Muvtahot	110.22	110.22	- 0.83	-6.99	48.1
Ilanot Oren	4254.56	4233.40	+ 0.68	+5.22	133.7
Ilanot Orion	187.05	186.11	+ 1.87	+7.55	25.7
Ilanot Rimon	582.83	582.83	+ 0.77	+8.37	------
Ilanot Shahar	247.78	246.58	+ 3.03	+6.21	31.1
Ilanot Shaked	239.82	238.80	+ 2.48	+5.64	38.0
Ilanot Shkoola	173.83	172.93	+ 1.25	+6.35	64.4
Koshot Pekan	460.66	452.54	+ 3.77	+2.87	33.7
Koor Amnar Bonds	212.17	211.68	+ 2.65	—	19.0
Lahak Conv. Bonds	249.54	249.54	+ 3.56	+4.29	78.8
Lahak Magen 95%	159.82	159.82	- 0.39	+6.39	158.0
Lahak Yasoor	193.64	193.64	+ 0.81	+7.99	1816
Malkarit Pekan	339.30	333.32	+ 0.76	+8.39	29.0
Maritime Conv' Bonds	103.82	102.52	—	—	0.6
Meitav Corp. Conv. Bonds	156.09	154.85	+ 2.49	+5.88	10.9
Meitav Money Market	122.44	122.44	+ 0.56	+8.10	13.6
Mercazit Conv. Bonds	480.02	478.65	+ 2.80	+7.83	3.2
Models Shmura	113.11	111.96	+ 1.08	+3.78	14.3
Nesua Corporate Bonds	190.10	189.10	+ 2.29	+3.94	11.6
Otzar Shkalim	137.26	137.26	+ 0.86	+8.25	115.6
Pia Haifin	554.61	554.61	+ 0.77	+8.29	633.4
Pia Mogenet	108.42	108.42	- 0.75	+6.23	66.9
Pia Ophir	628.37	625.01	+ 1.85	+8.16	94.9
Pia Or	1197.51	1178.48	+ 2.45	+6.70	108.2
Pia Segula	287.40	282.40	+ 2.58	+6.92	42.4
Pia Shamir	1357.07	1333.23	+ 3.45	+3.06	110.5
Pia Shkalim Adif	108.19	108.19	+ 1.19	+9.67	------
Pia Tnufa	396.79	389.83	+ 2.37	+6.10	26.9
Pia Yozma	240.02	235.79	+ 2.78	+2.24	25.8
Pil	301.67	298.75	+ 1.56	+3.42	4.6
Psagot Hagana Plus	108.24	108.24	- 0.39	+6.79	119.4
Psagot Kof Rega	238.29	238.29	+ 0.75	+8.72	1805
Psagot Tashlumim	106.86	104.99	+ 2.26	+8.48	29.3
Psagot Yetsira	618.87	615.53	+ 1.31	+6.40	187.3
Simodan Bonds	123.15	120.96	+ 2.97	-2.22	1.4
Simodan Interest	148.55	148.55	+ 0.72	+7.19	20.4
Tsuot Hen	182.17	181.20	+ 3.84	+8.08	29.6
Zeller Conv. Bonds	113.28	112.62	- 0.93	- 17.20	1.2
Zion Bonds	2036.48	2025.45	+ 2.14	+3.02	6.0
Zion Gov't Bonds	113.34	113.06	+ 0.11	+8.49	4.4

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Afikim Foreign	—	—	—	—	23.8
Alomot Foreign Currency	—	—	—	—	2.8
Analyst Europe	—	—	—	—	25.3
Capital Foreign	—	—	—	—	2.5
Dikla Meged	1009.91	1002.20	+ 1.63	+7.51	40.2
Dollar	—	—	—	—	6.8
Emda Matach	346.58	346.58	—	—	14.2
Emda Tevel	—	—	—	—	50.2
Igud Foreign Currency	103.98	103.76	+ 3.15	—	6.4
Ilanot Dolev	957.29	952.35	+ 1.83	+8.76	113.2
Ilanot Hul	—	—	—	—	56.1
Ilanot Ilan S.	—	—	—	—	44.9
Ilanot Matach	—	—	—	—	18.4
Inbal Pekan	185.26	185.26	+ 2.63	+9.52	316.8
Lahak Cosmos S.	—	—	—	—	6.8
Lahak Matach	612.78	612.78	+ 2.52	+8.67	226.8
Lak Kahal	—	—	—	—	58.2
Meitav Foreign Currency	909.87	907.19	+ 3.88	+ 10.98	6.9
Morian Pekan $	—	—	—	—	20.4
Otzar Universe	—	—	—	—	13.4
Pia Chul	—	—	—	—	131.8
Pia Inbar	121.61	119.46	+ 3.03	+8.24	161.1
Pia Prime $	—	—	—	—	29.9
Pia Target $	—	—	—	—	131.4
Psagot Chul	—	—	—	—	78.2
Psagot Globe $	—	—	—	—	76.2
Psagot Israel Horizon	—	—	—	—	81.9
Psagot Matah	563.98	553.99	+ 2.69	+8.69	152.1
Reshef Pekan	—	—	—	—	48.1
Rosen Continental	—	—	—	—	14.1
Tsaber Pekan	346.40	340.23	+ 2.27	+9.47	23.9

MIXED

Fund's name	unit cost	redemption price	monthly yield (%)	yield 1998 (%)	NIS assets (millions)
Eitan Pekan	362.68	358.26	+ 1.36	+6.36	86.8
Emda Kolelet	235.03	232.63	+ 1.74	+5.04	66.3
Goren Pekan	787.76	778.76	+ 2.50	+7.79	154.3
Ilanot Barak	3032.78	3018.83	- 1.11	+6.68	41.0
Ilanot Brosh	3478.09	3460.17	- 0.44	+5.66	70.3
Ilanot Mixed	2900.08	2884.38	+ 1.17	+1.57	5.6
Lahak Tzofit	788.62	774.87	- 0.39	+7.22	149.8
Mad Dikla	146.55	145.68	- 0.40	-4.23	18.6
Pekan Shkid Meshulevet	85.79	85.79	+ 1.43		156.4
Pia	8698.35	8545.88	- 0.80	+5.34	171.6
Pia Gavish	7266.21	7139.23	+ 1.02	+7.09	228.9
Psagot Meshulevet	764.87	760.69	- 0.86	+9.49	83.4

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LEADING SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	499	1.8
Africa Israel 0.1	20800	-4.8
Africa Israel 1	300000	0
Agis	2420	0.4
Al Paper Mills	14200	0.4
Al-Rov	2670	0
Azorim	3310	2.1
Azorim Prop.	687	7.9
Bank Leumi 0.1	639	-0.8
Baran	3020	-1.3
Bayside 1	45100	0
Bayside 5	216200	0.1
Bezeq	1146	0.1
Blue Square	5190	0.6
Bromine	3280	0
Clal Electronics	56800	0.7
Clal Industries	2050	1
Clal Insurance	3860	0
Clal Israel 1	9720	1.2
Dan Hotels	1170	0.9
Dankner	1960	0
Darban	870	-2
Dead Sea Works 0.1	908	-0.4
Delek 0.1	11900	-0.8
Delek Car	708	0
Development Mort	25900	-1.2
Discount Bank	432	-0.9
Discount Inv.	11380	0.6
Elbit 0.003	890	0.8
Elbit imaging	2800	0.4
Elbit system	4710	1.1
Elco	2440	0.4
Elco Industries	3700	0
Electra	19000	2.6
Electra App	3020	0.7
Elite Ind. 1	2350	1.7
Elite Ind. 5	11150	0.3
Elron 0.003	5920	1.2
FIBI 5	3210	-0.6
First Int'l 1	460	-1.5
First Int'l 5	2350	-0.9
First Int'l Mort	58300	0
Formula	10800	2.3
General Bank	10200	0.4
Granit Hacarmel	762	1.6
Hadarim Prop.	6800	-5.3
Ham-Let	1980	0
Hapoalim 0.1	967	0.4
Harel Mishmar 1	3480	-0.3
Harel Mishmar 5	16800	0
I.D.B. Dev.	8540	1.5
I.D.B. Holdings	9320	1.3
ILDC	2190	3.7
Ind Bldgs	590	0.3
Israel Chemicals	440	-0.7
Israel Corp. 1	29500	1.4
Isrotel	693	9.1
Jafora	782	0.1
JCT	36	0
JEC	1850	-2.6
Kitan	408	3.9
Knafaim	5270	1.3
Koor	39800	2
Leader	1205	1.2
Leumi Insurance	230	0.9
Leumi Mortgage	87800	0
Liraz	3590	2.2
Makhteshim Agan Ind.	1026	0.5
Maman	640	0
Matav	4620	-1.5
Mehadrin	12560	-2
Mel Eden	1670	2.1
Melisaron	1124	0
Menorah Ins. 1	2150	0
Milomor	1565	-0.1
Mishkan	68200	-0.6
Mizrahi Inv.	8800	0
NATSVA REGULAR	1480	-3
Nice Systems	12870	-1
Ocif	7700	0
Orbit	1180	-0.8
Ormat Industries	536	-0.6
Osem Industries	1897	1.4
Petrochemicals	1880	0.4
Phoenix Ins. 1	5800	0
Poalim Inv.	11320	-2.7
Prop & Bldg	33500	5.4
Sail Industries	1950	-0.3
Solel Bone	4460	-1.3
Supersol	1118	0.9
Tadiran	13810	1.7
Tambour	515	-0.2
Telahol	203100	0
Tempo	1823	-5.3
Teva	14440	-0.1
Urdan	248	-0.8
Wire and Cables	1054	0.4
Ytong Industries	930	1.5

KARAM
SMALL CAPITALIZATION
TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Boulous GD	390	-0.5
Solomon Holdings	397	0
Abjac	1.8	0
Abudi	46.7	9.9
Ace-Spade	67.5	0
Ackerstein Bond B	170.8	0
Ackerstein Ind.	560	2.5
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1903	4.4
Ackerstein Zvi 5	8930	3.7
adakom	36.5	0
Adanim	386814	-0.2
Adler	105	1
Adsha	143.5	0
Adumim	222	-0.4
Africa Hotels Bond B	97.5	0
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	68.8	5.4
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	137.5	0
Alsek Ind	1090	0
Agis Warrant 3	20	0
Agis Warrant 4	489	1.9
Agish Int'l	341	0
Agn Investments	528	0
Al-Ben	107.5	-4.9
Al-Ben Bond A	119	-0.4
Alhe c2	100.8	0.8
Alhe w6	135	3.3
Alliance	610	-0.3
Aloni	319	6
Alony-Hetz	529	-0.2
Alony-Hetz Bond A	256	3.9
Alrod	255	3.2
Alrod Warrant 1	4.8	0
Alrov Bond D	83.2	0
Alrov Warrant 5	319	0
Alumir	231	0.9
Alumit	2097	-3
Amigar	165	2.1
Amitec	198.5	0
Ammeil Warrant 1	36	8.8
Amnet	645	0
Ampa Investments	126500	0
Analyst EMS	790	0
Angel Trade	33.7	0.6
Angel Trade Bond A	146.5	0
Angel Trade Bond B	117	0
Angel Trade Bond C	62	0
Apcon	980	5.1
Apcon warrant 1	278	0
Applicom	3340	-0.3
Aracell Warrant 2	500	-2.4
Arad	1700	2.9
Arad Towels	1052	2.7
Arazim	106	0
Arazim Bond 1	247	0
Argaman	255	0
Ariadan	1094	0
Arpal	349	0
Aryt	122	-0.1
Ashkelon Plywood	525	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	248	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	127.5	0
Ashlad	373	0
Ashtad Bond A	157	0
Ashot	299	-5.7
Ashot Bond A	168.2	0
Ashpara	84	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	176	0
Ashtrom Bond 2	154	-0.3
Ashtrom Ind.	537	0
Ashtrom Prop.	220	0
Astrom P Bond 1	92.5	0
Astrom p warrant a	27	0
Astrum Bond C	100	0.4
Astrum Warrant 2	27	0
Atlion	72	-5.3
Atmor	2100	0
ATX	202	0
ATX Bond A	154	0
Azmon	225	0
Aura	3850	3.9
Avarot	370	-8.4
Avarot Bond A	164	0
Averbuch Formica	545	0
Aviv	392	0
Aviv Bond 1	154	0
Aviv Bond 2	83	0.5
Avner	2.2	0
Avrot Bond 2	84	0
Avrot Warrant 2	63	0
Ayalon	454	0
Azimuth	445	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	172	0
Azorim Warrant 13	568	2.6
Azorim Warrant 5	101.9	-0.1
Azorim Warrant A	690	-5.2
Azorim Warrant B	750	3.3
Badash Bond 1	35	0
Babili	399	-2
Balentine 1	118.5	0
Balentine Bond A	130.5	0
Balentine Warrant 2	5.6	0
Balron	2800	0
Barna'asaf	102	0
Barna'asaf Bond A	148.4	0
Bar	325	0
Bar Bond A	131	0.4
Barad	254	0
Baranowitz	654	0
Barkan	708	0.1
Barsaf	89.5	-4.8
Bartal	233	-0.9
Baumel Moshe	183.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	97.1	5.3
BaySide Warrant D	2310	0
Beit Shemesh	1648	0
Belmon	323	0
Ben Yakar Bond A	174	0
Ben Yakar Bond B	87	0.6
Ben Yakar Gat	3263	0
Berman	174.5	-2
Bezek Bond 3	117.9	-0.6
Bezek Bond 4	1579	-22.9
Bezek Warrant 3	0	0
Bezek Warrant Bond 3	317	1.9
Bilu	2220	3.2
Bilu Bond A	193	0
Binar	400	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Bin	201	0
Bolos Bond B	84	0
bolos gad warrant 1	44.1	0
Bonei Tichon	550	0
Bonjour	498	0
Boulous Brothers	164.9	7.2
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	264	0
Boulous GD Bond A	139	0
Brand	86.5	0
Brill	62	0
Brok Side	16	10.3
Brosh	111.5	8.8
Building Bank	1515	0
Building Resou.	3800	0
C Holdings	520	0
C Holdings Bond 5	84.5	0
C Holdings Warrant 3	1	0
Caesarea 1	4900	0
Caniel	3600	0
Capital	810	0
Capital Bond A	123.5	1.2
Caprice	385	2.5
Cargal	707	0
Carmel	545	0.9
Carmiel	476	0
Castro	671	0
Catalena 1	343	0
CDI	175.5	0
Cementecol Bond A	79.2	0
Cementcol	415	0
Centre	130	0.8
Centre Bond 1	140.5	-0.4
Cham	499	0
Chayon Computers	131	0
Chemipol	433	0
Chim-Nir	510	0
CI Systems	165	0
Cidab	143.5	0
Clal Computers	6990	3.2
Clal Israel 5	0	0
Clal Retail	62763	0
Cohen Beni	117	0
Cohen Dev.	204	0
Cohen MM	140	-5.4
Cold Storage 1	2000	0
Cold Storage 5	9010	0
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	280	0
Compi	135.2	0
Compi Warrant 1	20	0
Compufile	183.5	0
Comtech	413	0
Comtrans	782	0
Contal	1059	0
Contractors	16812	0
Coral Beach	549	0
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2710	0
Cyclone Bond 1	254	0
Cyclone Bond 2	180	1.1
Datron	1729	0
Datron Bond 1	250	0
Dafin	1.4	0
Dan Rent-A-Car	758	3
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	160	-0.6
Danbar 1	6000	0
Danbar 5	18280	0.3
Danbar Bond A	266	0
Danbar Resources	7600	0
Danbar Resources Bond B	166.5	0.2
Danbar Tech.	5970	2.8
Danbar Technologies Bond A	154	0.5
Danel	52	0
Danel Bond A	91.5	0
Danel Personnel	2250	5.3
Danel Warrant 2	435	0
Dankner Bond 1	211	0
Dankner Bond 2	141	0
Dankner Bond 3	97.2	0.1
Dankner Warrant C	690	0
Danly	450	10
Darad	100	0
DARBAN BOND 2	104.4	0.2
Darban Bond A	269	0
DARBAN W2	188	-14.4
Darban Warrant 3	141	0.7
Darsa	145.5	0
Darion	219	0
Dash Investment	954	2
Data	560	0.5
Decision Systems	540	0
Degem Systems	502	0.8
Delek Drillings	11.6	0.9
Delek Oil	1350	0
Delta 1	3930	0
Delta 3	11910	-0.6
Destiny	1165	-10
Digel	136	0
Dirom1	1226	0
Dolev	330	-2.1
Dolev Bond A	140.2	0
Dolev warrant 1	35	2.9
Domicar	405	0
Domicar Bond	155	0
Dor Berger	400	-1
Dor Chim	369	0
Dorc w1	96	0
Dorea	56	0
Dorl c1	98	-0.8
Dori Engineering	446	0
Dori Engineering Bond A	141.5	0.4
Dovrat Bond A	139.8	0
Dovrat Shrem	1459	0
Dovrat Shrem Warrant 3	4.9	0
DSL	1037	0
Dubek M	2.8	0
Dubek S	2.7	0
Dunitz	301	0
DYG Industries	466	0
E &-M Computing	1190	-2.9
Edgar Alberi	60	-3.2
Edgar Industries	195	1.5
Edgar Inv. Bond C	86.8	0.1
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	22.5	0.9
Elfar Bond A	98	0
Elnl	158	-0.6
Elam	320	0
Elbrsan	3140	0
El Bad	2000	2.6
El Canit	567	-0.5
El Canit Bond 1	159.5	0
Elad	500	0
Elad Bond A	172.5	0
Elad Bond B	151	0
Elad c3	78	0
Elad w5	29	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	121.6	0.1
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	30	-40
Elden Tech	208	0
Electronics Line	537	0
Elgar	5370	0
Eliahav	502	0
Elitech Ind.	1060	1.9
Elkam	313	-3.8
Ella	383	0
Ella Bond A	144	0
Elran	3690	0
Elron Warrant 2	1897	1.5
Emek	140	0
Emyle	650	0
Engel Const.	733	0
ESE	2140	1.9
Eshed Robotech	187	6.4
Even	406	0
Evergreen	3230	0
Evrois Warrant 1	1550	0
Excelence	1689	0
Export Inv.	888	0.1
Extra	102.5	2.5
Feldman	168	0
Feldman Bond A	146.5	0
Feldman Ind.	295	0
Feldman Warrant 3	13	0
Fertilizers 1	119	0
Feuchtwanger 1	10500	0
Feuchtwanger 5	53000	0
Fidelit	2394	0
Five J Jewelers	322	0.6
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	131	-0.4
Formica Source	116	0
Fruterom	384	0.3
Gahelet	15350	4.6
Galcom	208	-0.5
Galran	1096	0
Gams	200	0
Gamatronic	588	0
Gambit	1886	0
Gan ShmoelBond A	117	1.7
Gan ShmoelWarrant 3	522	4.2
Gan Shmuel	1402	1.7
Ganel Hadar	440	0.9
Gap Development	103.8	-1.2
Gap Holdings	229	0
Gap Warrant 2	7	-22.9
Gazit	665	0
Gazit Bond B	148	0
Gazit Bond C	123	0
Gibor Bond 1	85	0
Gibor Bond A	88.7	-0.1
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	610	-8.3
Gibor Warrant 2	96	0
Gilboa	67.5	-2.2
Gilio	190	0
Gilsak	1800	0
Givot Olam Oil	77	0
Glob Fit	773	1.7
Golan	615	0
Gold	360	-9.8
Golden House	409	0
Golden House Bond 1	254	0
Golex	185.5	0
Granit Bond	152	0
Granit Bond 2	157	-0.6
Green Software	371	-10
Greenberg	1500	0
H. Electronics	49.5	0
H. Mer	850	0
Hebas	2458	0
Hebas Bond 1	135.5	0
Hadar 1	28700	4.2
Hadar 5	73000	2.9
Hadar Ins. 1	980	0
Hadar Ins. 5	3500	-5.7
Hadarim Bond1.	115.1	-0.3
Hadarim Warrant1	1250	0
Hagal	370	0
Hagal Bond B	154.5	0
Hamakor	286	-1
Hanel	5.5	3.5
Harel Bond A	480	0
Hasin Esh	672	0
Hearon	190.5	0
Hatehof 1	230	-4.8
Hatehof Bond A	144.5	0
Hayal	1187	-1.8
Hayal Bond1	80	0
Hayal Bond2	133	-12.8
Hayal Warrant 1	85	1.5
Hed Arzi Music	350	-0.6
Hiron 1	11070	0
Hiron 5	42500	1.2
HL Service Bond 2	185	0
HL Service Bond 3	151.5	0
HL Services	1331	0
Hod	154	0
Hof	706	0
Holit	152	1.3
Home Center	7200	0
Hydrolics	121.5	0
IES Industries	608	0
IES Warrant 1	97	0
Ilan Gal	118	0
Ilan Gal Bond A	149.5	0
ILDC Bond 6	261	1.1
ILDC Hotels	540	-8.7
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	171.2	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	120	0
ILDC Insurance	450	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	138.2	0.1
Imco	1063	0
Ind Bld Warrant 3	40	0
Ind Bldge R1	21	8.5
Ind.Dev.Bank C	306	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	2950	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	2950	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1670	-0.7
Independence Mort	79100	0
Intercosma	731	0
Intergamma 1	3540	0
Intergamma 5	13000	0
Iscal	1695	0
Ispro	4000	-3.8
Isracolor	432	0
Israel Corp. 5	128500	-0.4
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	141.2	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	177.1	0
Isralom	1046	0
Isralom Bond B	270	-0.4
Isralom Bond C	91	0.6
Isramco	2.5	-4
Isras 1	7190	0
Isras 5	39100	0
Isras Bond A	252	0
ISTA LINES	2490	0
Itay	2440	0
Itay Bond 1	78.4	0
Itay Warrant 1	280	0
Itay Warrant 2	20	-95
Jafora Bond A	170	-5.9
Jaysour	137.5	0
Jaysour Bond A	111.5	4.2
JEC Bond B	84.5	0
Jerusalem Mort	218	0
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 18	162.5	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	87	-6.9
JOEL Bond 1A	220	0
JOEL Bond 2	127.6	0
JOEL Bond A	221	0
JOEL Warrant 3	1.3	0
Kadmani	145	3.4
Kadouri	366	0
kafrice bond b	90.5	0.6
kafrice warrant 1	80.9	0
Kairit	1360	2.6
Kalkalit Bond A	97.5	0
Kalkalit warrant 2	293	-4.8
Kamour	548	0
Kamour Bond G	134	0
Kamsept	1097	-0.1
Kanat Warrant G	1	0
Kanicol	30.7	0
Kanicol Bond A	41.9	0
Kardan 1	519	0
Kardan 5	2470	0
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3620	0
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	0	0
Kenass	338	0
Kesher	800	15
Kesher Bond A	152.3	0
Keter	665	0
Kind	21.5	0
Kind Bond A	48.5	1
King	314	0
Kinneret	227	0
Kiech Kinur	186	0
Kiahrel Teuta	1130	0
Kital	300	0
Kital Bond A	152.5	0
Kital Bond A	120.4	0
Kill Ind. 5	7150	4.6
Koor Bond 5	146.5	0.3
Kopel	262	5.6
Kopel Bond 1	245	0
La Nationale Bond A	139	0
La Nationale Pref	131	0
Lachish	3150	0
Lamont	600	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	72	-4.2
Lasers	347	-0.9
Laviev	551	0
Laznick Bldg	450	0
Laznick Comm Ctrs	156	0
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond	134.5	0
Laznick Ind Bldgs	340	0
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	143	0
Leader Warrant B	4.3	0
Lago	460	0
Leumi R4	0	0
Leventhal	410	-0.2
Levi	689	0
Levi Bond A	142	0.2
Levi Bond B	94.5	0
Levi Warrant 2	66	-3.8
Levinstein Bond A	98	0
Levinstein Warrant 2	720	0
Levinstein	1540	0
Liber	326	0
Lidan	1420	3.5
Lifshir 1	180	-8.3
Lifshir 5	675	-11
Ligad	726	0.6
Ligad Bond 1	151	0
Lighterage 1	600	0
LIMS	245	0
Lipman	2800	0
Lipski	2760	0
Lipski Bond A	169	0
Liraz Bond A	147.6	-1.5
Lodan	139	0
Lodzia 1	1393	0
Lodzia 4	5404	0
Luhot Galil	31.1	0
Luhot Galil Bond 1	140.5	0
Lumir	3130	0
Ma'ariv	2710	-2.2
Ma'ariv Bond A	137.2	-0.8
Manberot	1350	2.5
Macpell	300	2.3
Macpell Bond A	141.2	0
Macpell Bond B	120	1.2
Macpell Bond C	79.2	-1
Macpell Warrant 3	53.9	0
Mafil	790	0
Magam	141.5	0
Magam Bond A	168.5	0
Magam Bond B	129.5	0
Magav	171	0
Magma	57.5	0
Magor 1	2120	0
Magor 5	9600	-7.1
Magor bldgs. Bond B	87	0
Magor bldgs. Warrant 2	552	0
Maisi	275	0.4
Mali	217	0
Malibu 1	0	0
Malibu 5	0	0
Malibu Bond B	0	0
Malta	760	0
Man	77	0
Man Bond A	215	0
Mantur	24.8	0
Marathon	107	-2.1
Marathon insured	108.1	-5.4
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 1	170	0
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 2	153.7	-0.1
Maritime Bank	1486	3.7
Maritime Bank Bond A	202	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	144.4	0.1
Mashav	895	0
Mashbir	678	-1.5
Mashov	380	0
Mashov	161	0
Matam	1336	0
Matav Warrant 1	1417	2.3
Maxima 1	353	0.3
Maxima 5	1590	0.3
Mazpak	733	2.5
Med. Hotels	33.6	-0.9
Meditechnica	695	0.6
Meditechnica Bond A	136	0
Meditechnica Bond B	85.3	0.1
Meditechnica Warrant 2	158	0
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	51	0
Megason	57.5	0
Melmad	379	0
Meir Ezra	2050	2.4
Meir Ezra Bond B	248	-0.8
Meisi	305	0
Melissaron Bond B	91.9	0
Melissaron Warrant 3	51	0
Mendelson	215	0
Menofim	36.4	0
Menorah Ins. 5	8520	0
Mercazit	920	0
Merhav	187	0
Maytavit	223	-10.1
Middle East Tube	396	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	111.4	0.2
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	17	0
Milromar Bond A	141	0
Milomor Bond B	85.8	0
Milomor Warrant 2	150	0
Mimsar	99	0
Mini Line	565	0.9
Minrav	13520	-2.1
Mirage	219	0
Mirage Bond A	137.5	0
Mirage Warrant 1	14	-3.6
Miromit	60	0
Mishnael	19	0
Mishnael Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	148	0
Mishor Hahol	370	-1.1
Mitzrani	189.5	0.3
Mivtach Shamir	2520	0
Mivtach Shamir	1401	0
Mizrahi	920	0.2
Mizrahi warrant 1	341	-2.1
Mizrahi warrant 2	185.9	1.6
MM Engineering	146	3.9
MM Engineering Bond A	106.5	0
Modgal	869	-0.1
Modi'in	1.1	0
Moffet	201	-1
Moffet Convertible Bond AAA	299	0
Moleti	885	0.5
More Plastic Ind.	395	0
Moshkovitz	159	-11
MTI Computers	458	7.4
Mul-T-Lock	786	0
Mulx Senter	223	0
Nachshon Fund	46	2.6
Naphtha	38.2	8.6
Naphtha Oil Exp.	28.6	0.4
Natour	750	0
NATSVA BOND A	104.7	0
Navigator	396	0
Navigator Property	760	0.1
Nechushtan Bond B	81.5	1.7
Nechushtan Prop.	198.9	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	136.3	0.1
Nechushtan Warrant 1	23	0
Negev Ceramics	157	0
Nehushtan 1	600	0
Nehushtan 5	2500	0
Neot Aviv	6820	0.1
Nesua	463	0
Neve Arbel	140.5	1.7
Nevim Hotels	365	0
Neviot	832	3.8
Nie	233	0
Nikuv	1099	0
Nisco	2750	-7.3
Nissan	265	0
NMC	279	0
Noga	1640	0
Noga Insorens	103.6	0
Nordan	10.9	0
Nordan Tech.	304	0.5
Norfolk	650	0
Norfolk Bond A	148	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	969	0
Oceana	286	0
Ocif Bond A	182	0
Ocif Bond C	89	0
Ocif Warrant 2	728	0.4
Octove	690	0
Ofek	230	0
Ofer Bro	6090	0
Offis	1165	0
Ogdon	61	0
Chalkav	460	0
Oil Fields	1.2	9.1
Oki-Dok	263	2.5
Omel	365	0
Omnitech	175	0
Ophir	409	-1
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	118.5	0.4
Orasya	2691	-0.7
Orazit	330	0
Orazit Bond A	181	0
Orda	3630	0
Orda Bond 1	182	8.7
Orev	862	3.5
Orell	115	-0.9
Orite	333	0
Oritte Bond A	94.5	0
Oritte Warrant 2	36	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	133.2	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	180	0
Oral	388	-0.3
Otzar Hashilton	25800	0.4
Oz	217	0
Oz abde	440	-2.3
Packer Steel	5890	0
Paltough	594	1
PAM	579	2.4
Pama	701	0
Pamas	2720	0
Pan Dor	271	0
Pardes	711	0
Pardes Bond A	57	0
Passport	2500	2
Paz Chen	450	0
PCB	1650	0
Pdan Investment	42.9	0
Pareg	102.9	0
Penclase	829	0.5
Phoenix Ins. 5	20000	-1.5
Pica Plast	420	0
Pinros	121.5	0.8
Pinros Bond A	145	0
Ptikit	403	0
Plason bond a	102.1	0.1
Plason warrant 1	460	0
Plasson	4200	-1.2
Plasto Sac	651	-5.1
Plasto Shack Bond A	88.9	0
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	99.8	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	94.3	-0.2
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2600	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	137	0
Poalim Warrant 3	0	0
Point of Sale	2010	-0.5
Polak	239	0
Polgat A	311	-5.5
Polgat B 4	1182	-0.7
Polgat Bond B	0	0
Polygon	208	-4.1
Polygon Bond 2	220	0
Poraz	245	-1.2
Pori	78	0
Poseidon	120	-2.2
Pri Haemek	19.1	-0.5
Pri Haemek Bond A	35.9	-1.9
Pritzker	216	-0.5
Pritzker Bond A	144	-0.3
Profit	302	0
Profit Bond A	132	0
Python	510	0.4
Quality Cap Mkts	580	0
Rabintex	258	8.9
Ram Zur	79.2	0
Ramgor 1	277	0
Ramgor 4	685	0
Rapak	2540	3.5
Rapak Bond A	157	-1.9
Rassco	1400	0.1
Ratio	1	0
Rav Car	108.9	6.3
Ravad	171	0
RDC	1138	0
RDC Bond A	144.2	0
Red Sea Hotels	842	-6.2
Regency	104	0
Regency Bond 1	121.1	0
Regent	364	3.8
Regent Bond A	144.3	0.9
Reliah	400	0
Reshef	51	2
Reshef Bond B	108	0.5
Rimoni	830	0
Rogosin	1349	4.4
Rogozin Bond A	85	0
Rogozin Warrant B	480	0
Romtech	441	12.2
Rosebud	108.7	6.4
Rosental	124	0
Rotem	340	3
Rotshtein	141	0
Rotshtein Bond A	193.5	0
RSL	830	0
Sadot Mop Bond A	97.2	0
Sahar Bond a	95	0
Sahar Dev.	2795	3
Sahar Securities	811	0
Sahar Warrant 1	286	0
Sanlacol	278	6.1
Sano 1	2090	-1.9
Sano 5	11500	0
Scope	1136	0
Scope Bond A	92	0
Scope Warrant 2	170	0
Sea Trade	527	0
Secom	270	-0.7
Securities	803	0
Securities Bond A	178.5	0
Selen	1318	-8.2
Seralon	439	0
Shaked	323	0
Shamir	213	3.8
Shatiyah	1390	0
Shef	316	0
Shekel	134	0
Shekel Bond A	149	0
Shekem	80.8	-0.1
Shekem Barkan Bond 4	156.3	0.1
Shekem Bond 1	150	0
Shekem Warrant 1	1	0
Sheleg	113	-0.4
Shem Tov	279	0
Shemen	11400	3.5
Shemen Bond A	168	0.9
Shladot	65	-0.8
Shlomo Angel	5967	0
Shmi c2	86	0
Shmi w2	216	0
Shmira	850	0
Shmira Bond A	152	-0.7
Shniv	644	0
Shova	311	0.3
Shtang	114	0
Shulamit	299	0
Shulamit Bond A	145	0
Sinai	423	-0.2
Sinai Bond A	143.5	0
Solel Bone Bond A	110	0
Soli BoneR1	567	-1.1
Solog	605	-0.5
Solomon	444	0
solomon bond a	80	0
solomon warrant 2	59.5	0
South Pipe	424	0
Spancrit	258	0
Spectronix 1	1252	-1.5
STG	1258	0
STG Bond A	109.5	0
Sunfrost	4027	0
Suny Electronics	550	-0.9
Synopsis	178	0
Synopsis Bond A	150	0
Syntac	450	0
Ta'al	189	-1
Tachol Bond B	85	0
Tachol Warrant 3	75	0
Tadbik	282	0.4
Tadiran Appl	577	0.2
Takam	1735	-2.7
Tal	170.1	0
Tal Bond A	83.9	0
TAP Bond 1	276	0
Tashloz bond a	125	0
Tashloz warrant 2	262	0.8
Tashluz	1180	-0.8
Tashluz Bond A	169.7	0
Tashluz Bond B	137	0.5
Tashluz Prop.	1032	0
Tashluz Warrant 2	5.8	0
Taste of Israel	177	-0.6
TAT 1	379	-0.3
TAT 5	1327	0
TAT Bond A	245	0
Taya	803	0
Taya Comm. 1	265	0
Team Computers	5780	0
Technoplast	510	-0.6
Technoplast Warrant 2	705	0
Tedea	1910	0.9
Tedea Bond A	103.9	0.4
Tedea Warrant 1	292	0
Telahot Preferred	206900	0
Telen	1596	0
Teldor	609	0
Telsis	1700	-2.9
Telsis Warrant 1	317	-16.7
Tena	218	0
Teuza	242	2.9
Teuza Insured	249	2
Tibon Veal	165	3
Tim Warrant 3	637	0
Tiv	413	0
TMM	114	-3
Tobias	2150	0
Tom	907	0.8
Topline	545	-2
Topline Bond 2	155	0
Topper	25.3	0
Topper Bond 1	63.5	0
Tosaf Compounds	309	-8.4
Trade	372	1.7
Trade Bond A	198	0
Trend Line	1789	0
Trocadero	24.5	0
Trydkal	426	-3
Tsabar	176	-2.5
Tsarfati	585	0
Tsarfati Bond A	150	0
Tsur	182	0
Tsur Bond A	251	0
Tsur Bond B	120	0.8
Tsur Bond C	98.5	0.5
Tsur Preferred	171	0
Tuttenauer	1029	2.8
Tzmicha	497	0
Tzmicha Bond A	167	0
Ulfeld	39.4	-0.5
Unibar 1	754	0
Unibar 5	784	0
Unico	3492	0
Unicorn 1	53	0
Unicorn Bond 1	229	0
Unidress	1590	5.8
United Steel	132	0
United Steel Industries Bond 1	158.1	0
Universal	345	0
Urdan Warnt 5	133	0
Uropa Israel	3000	5.3
Vardinon	25000	-0.8
Vardinon Bond A	154	0
Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA	153	0
Videomatrix	33.3	-2.3
Vilar	408	0
Vilar Bond 1	154	0
Vill Food	1580	0
Viliger Bond A	142.5	0
Vitalgo	374	5.1
Vitalgo Bond A	123.5	0
Vulcan	448	0
Vulcan Bond 1	235	0
Willi Bond A	91	0
Willi Warrant 1	450	0
Woolfman 1	850	0
Woolfman 5	3040	-2.3
Woolfson	67154	-1
Ya'ara	631	0
Yaacobi	143	0
Yaad Bond A	171.5	0
Yaad Bond B	86.5	0
Yaad Industries	296	0
Yaad Warrant 3	39.9	-2
Yad	448	10.1
Yamit	186	0
Yarden	490	0
Yarden Bond 2	123.2	0
YDPZ	248	0.4
YDPZ Bond A	151	-1
Yeda	1670	4.2
Yehuda	199.5	-9.7
Yesh Gad	38.7	0
Yhsal	1450	-0.8
Yhshai Warrant 1	350	0
Yona Bond A	158.7	0.2
Yona Hotels	200	0
Yozma	437	0
Yuval	127	-9.3
Zahr	568	0
Zanes Holdings	54.5	0
Zarton Bond B	91	0
Zarton Warrant 2	67	0
Zel	103.5	0
Zehavi	145.5	0
Zeller Ablagon	445	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond A	148	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond B	129	0
Zeller Inv. Bond A	67.5	0
Zeller Inv Warrant 1	4.2	-2.3
Zika 1	745	-0.5
Zika 5	3159	0
Ziklit 1	4700	0
Ziklit 5	20700	0
Zinometal	610	1.3
Zion Cables 1	241	0.4
Zion Holdings	13750	0
Zion Textiles	177	0
Ziv	393	0
Zohar	241	0.4
Zoko	231	-0.9

*In local currencies

ISRAELI SHARES ABROAD

AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	38.5	-0.9375
Ampal American Israel	5	-0.125
Carmel Container Sys	7.25	-0.0625
Electro Chemical Ind	0.875	0
Emultek	3.625	+0.3125
Etz Lavud	7.5	0
Etz Lavud Cl A	5.875	0
Integrated Technology	1.3125	+0.0625

NASDAQ

	LAST	CHANGE*
ACS Electronics Ltd	3.125	+0.25
Accent Software	-	-
A.G. Associates	2.75	+0
Aladdin	8.875	-0.25
Ampal	15.75	0
Arel Commun & Software	3	+0
Arel Comm & Soft Warrant	0.125	0
Better Online Solutions	5.5	-0.125
Better Online Sol Ltd 99	0.34375	+0.03125
Bio Technology General	5.625	-0.03125
B.V.R. Technologies	11.375	-0.0625
Checkpoint Software	24.0625	-0.1875
Cimatron	2.0625	+0.1875
Converse Technology	44.375	+2.3125
Crystal Systems Solutions	9.75	+0
D.S.P.G. Group	18.5	+0
D.S.P.T. Tech	7.75	-0.25
Data Systems Software	4.0625	+0.1875
ECI Telecom	33	+0
Edusoft	5.4375	+0.1875
Electric Fuel	4.375	-0.375
Electronics for Imaging	17.875	+0.375
Elbit Computers	2.3125	+0
Elron Electronics ord	15.75	+0.25
Elron Electronics Ind Ltd	5.25	-0.25
Elbit Medical Imaging	7.4375	+0
Elbit Systems Ltd	12.4375	-0.0625
Eltek Circuit Boards	1.875	+0
Engel General Developers	5.9375	0
ESC Medical Systems Ltd	25.75	+0.1875
Elbit Vision Systems	1.9375	+0
Eshed Robotec (1982)	0.53125	0
Formula Systems (1985)	27.875	-0.5
Forsoft Ltd	18	+0.25
Fundtech	14.375	+0
Galileo	11.875	+0.0625
G.Willi-Food	3.3125	+0.1875
Gilat Comm Ltd	7.875	+0
Gilat Satellite Networks	36.625	+0.125
Genesis Bnie	5.5	+0
Healthcare Technologies	1.46875	+0.0625
Home Center	18.375	-0.125
I.C.T.S.	6.375	+0
IIC Industries	8.75	+0
I.I.S. Intelligent info	0.9375	+0
Israel Land Develop - ADR	17	0
Indigo	3.46875	-0.03125
ISG Intl Software Group	7.625	-0.5
Isramco	2.03125	+0.03125
Isramco Warrants A	-	-
Isramco Warrants B	-	-
Lan Optics	2.75	+0.125
Logal	1.5	+0.125
Level 8 Systems	8.25	+0.375
M-Systems Flash Disk	4	+0.0625
Madge	3.4375	-0.0625
Magal Security Systems	3.0625	-0.0625
Matav	24.625	+0
Medis El	5.875	0
Memco	16.875	-0.375
Mer Telemanagement	1.375	-0.25
Mercury	42	-0.25
Magic Software Enterprises	3	+0
Netmanage	1.375	-0.09375
New Dimension Software	30.4688	-0.15625
Nexus Telecomm Sys Ltd	5.5	-0.03125
Nice Systems	34.375	-0.25
Neuro-Medical Systems	0.5625	+0
Noga Electro Mechanical	2.03125	-0.03125
Nur Tecnology	2.875	-0.125
Opti Systems Solutions	5.75	+0.5
Optomedics Medical Tech	3.625	+0.3125
Optomedics Medical Warrant	0.6875	0
Orbit/FR Inc	4.125	-0.125
Orbotech	32	-0.375
Orckit	15.25	+1
Oshap Technologies	8.3125	-0.1875
Paradigm Geophys	5	+0
Pharmos	2	+0
Point of Sale	5.125	-0.25
Rada Electronics Ind	1.28125	+0
Radcom Ltd	3.8125	+0
RIT Technologies	5.125	-0.125
RSL Communications	32	-0.875
Scitex Corporations	12	+0.4375
Silicom	2.25	+0
Summit Design	8.125	+0
Sapiens International	6.3125	+0.0625
Scanvec	3	+0
Tadiran Telecomm	18	-0.5
Toro Pharmaceuticals Ind	4.5	-0.0625
Tat Technologies	0.9375	+0
Technomatix Technologies	14.625	-0.375
Teva	38.75	-0.125
Top Image Systems	3.25	+0.0625
Top Image Systyms Warrant	0.3125	-0.25
Teledata Communications	9.1875	-0.5625
Tower Semiconductor	7.125	+0.3125
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	5.0625	-0.0625
TTR Inc	2.875	-0.25
TVG Technologies	0.875	+0.09375
TVG Tech A	0.25	0
TVG Tech B	0.25	0
TVG Tech C	0.3125	0
Vocaltec	8	+0.125
Wiz Tec Solutions	10.75	+0.0625
Zoran Corporation	7.5	-0.0625

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Amdocs	10.375	+0.125
Blue Square	15.125	+0.0625
D.S.P. Communications	13.4375	-0.5
Elscint	7	+0
First Israel Fund	13.8125	-0.0625
PEC Israeli Economic Corp	25	+0.25
Koor	21.25	+0.25
Samula Inc	11.125	-1.5
Super-Sol Ltd	14.9375	0
Tadiran	37.1875	-0.0625
Tefron Ltd	16.625	-0.375

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LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Barn Advanced	186	-1
Dmatek Ltd	42	-0.5
Pilat	40	+0
S.E.A. Multimedia	5	+0

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NEW YORK

INTERNATIONAL SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Abn	41.3125	+1.4375
AMP Inc	39.625	+0.875
AMR Corp	61.75	-0.3125
ASA	18.3125	+0.1875
Abbott Labs	43.25	+0
Advanced Micro	17.5625	+0.25
Aetna Life	68.1875	+0.375
Affiliated Publ	20.625	0
Alinc	30.8125	-0.3125
Ahmanson (HF)	57.375	-0.625
Air Prods	33.9375	-0.8125
Alberto-Culv B	22.3125	+0
Albertson's	52.375	+0.375
Alcan Aluminum	22.25	-0.125
Allied Signal	36.0625	+1.0625
Alcoa	63.75	-1.25
Amax	-	-
Amazon	131.625	-3.125
Amerada Hess	52.3125	+0.375
Amer Brands	25.125	+0.5625
Amer El Power	45.25	-0.5625
Amer Express	97	+0.1875
Amer Genl Corp	69.125	+0.9375
Amer Greeting	41.5875	+0.625
Amer Home Pr	58.125	+2
Amer Int'l	91.5625	+1.875
Amer Natl Ins	92	-2.9375
Amer Power Conv	33.75	+0.6875
Amer Stores	31	+0.0625
Amer T & T	57.625	+0.5625
Amer West Hdg	22.5625	+0.4375
Ameritech	47.5625	-0.8125
Ametek Inc	22.75	-0.75
Amgen	70.625	+1.25
Amoco	50	-0.6875
Analog Devices	17.5625	-0.875
Andrew Corp	15.8125	+0.375
Anheuser-Busch	50.125	-0.375
Aon Corp	68.125	+0.625
Apple Computer	40.8125	-0.375
Applied Magnetics	5.875	-0.0625
Applied Materials	31.4375	+0.75
Archer Daniels	16.1875	-0.125
Armco	5.625	-0.0625
Armstrong World	52	+0.625
Asarco	19.0625	-0.25
Ascend	44.5625	+0.0625
Ashland Coal	21.875	+0.125
Ashland Oil	51	-1.1875
Atlantic Energy	20.3125	-0.0625
Atlantic Richfld	63.375	-0.875
Auto Data Pro	70.125	+0.125
Autodesk	23.1875	-0.9375
Avery Dennison	58.875	+0.125
Avnet Inc	51.375	-0.625
Avon Products	76.125	+1.625
Balmco Corp	6.875	+0
Baker Hughes	21.9375	+0.375
Ball Corp	43.875	-1.3125
Baltimore Gas	31.25	-0.125
Banc One Corp	44.125	-0.9375
Bandag	32	+0
BankAmerica	79.125	+0.0625
Bank of Boston	41	+0.0625
Bank of New Yk	28.8125	+0.375
Bankers Trst NY	96.875	+1
Barnes & Noble	34	+0.0625
Battle Mount Gd	4.8125	-0.0625
Bausch & Lomb	46.25	+1.625
Baxter Intl	60.1875	+1.1875
Bay Network	32.4375	+0.4375
Becton Dickinson	41.3125	-1
Bed Bath & Bynd	20.1875	+0.1875
Bell Atlantic	43.0625	-0.6875
Bell Industries	10.375	+0.125
BellSouth	68	-0.3125
HA Belo Corp	20.1875	-0.3125
Beneficial Corp	-	-
Bethlehem Steel	8.3125	-0.5625
Beverly Entprs	8.875	+0.0625
Biomet	30.875	+0.3125
Black & Decker	52.75	+0.375
Boeing	35.3125	-0.375
Boise Cascade	27.3125	-0.0625
Bowater Inc	42.4375	+0.0625
Briggs & Strtn	39.5	-0.5
Brstl Myrs Sqb	108.563	-1.125
Brit Airws ADR	81.9375	+0.5625
Brit Steel ADR	19.875	-0.25
Brit Telecom	137.5	+2.5
Brown Group	14.625	-0.625
Brown & Sharpe	10.625	+0
Browning Ferris	36.25	-0.125
Brunswick	17	-0.1875
Burlington Nthn	99.6875	-0.0625
Burlington Res	33.3125	-1.1875
CBS Inc	27.875	+0.1875
CKS Group	17.5	-0.375
CMS Energy Corp	44.125	+0.3125
CSX Corporation	39.4375	-0.5
Cabot Corp	23.9375	-0.3125
Campbell Soup	52.9375	+0.5
Canadian Pac	22.5625	+0.375
Capital Cts ABC	104.125	+2.125
Capstead	2.5625	-0.5625
Carematrix Corp	20	-0.625
Carnival Corp	33.875	+1.6875
Carolina Pwr Lt	42.25	-0.75
Carpenter Tech	39.5	+0
Caterpillar	47.875	-1.0625
Centex Corp	42.625	+0.0625
Central & SW	26	-0.75
Ceridian	57.25	-0.375
Champion Intl	37.3125	+0
Chmg Shoppes	4.875	+0.1875
Chase Manhattan	64.125	+0.0625
Chevron Corp	78.1875	-0.5
Chiquita Brands	12.5625	+0.125
Cholestec	5.625	-0.5
Chrysler	56.3125	+1
Chubb Corp	71.1875	+0.125
Cisco	103.938	+1.0625
Citicorp	136.125	+2.6875
Clevld Cliffs	42.875	-1.125
Clorox	105.5	+1.8125
Coastal Corp	31.375	-0.4375
Coca Cola	80.125	+0.5
Coca Cola Ent	27.9375	+1
Colgate Palmolv	83.75	-1.125
Comcast Corp A	46.625	+1.75
Compaq	34.75	-0.8125
Compute Ass Int	32.75	-1.1875
Computer Sci	62.75	+1.6875
Conagra	24.125	+0.75
Cons Edison	46.1875	-0.5625
Cons Freightwys	35.4375	-0.1875
Cons Nat Gas	47.5625	-0.25
Cooper Inds	48	-1.0625
Coors (Adolph)	40.375	+0.25
Corning Inc	29.0625	-1.125
Crane	48.1875	-0.5625
Crompton Knowles	17.8125	-0.1875
Crown Cork Seal	36.8125	+0.625
Cummins Engine	46.25	-1.6875
Curtiss-Wright	47.25	-0.4375
Cypress Semicon	7.25	-0.125
Cyprus Mineral	10.4375	-0.25
Cytec Indust.	26.5625	+0.75
DQE	38.125	-0.375
Dallas Semi	31.375	-0.375
Dana Corp	46.125	-0.5625
Data General	11.4375	-0.5
Dayton Hudson	48.25	+1.625
De Beers	13.3125	-0.4375
Deere	36.75	-0.8125
Dell Computers	124	+4.875
Delta Air Lnes	113.438	-0.5625
Deluxe Corp	33	-0.1875
Detroit Edison	41.5625	-0.375
Dial Corp Del	21.9375	-0.875
Diebold Inc	25.625	-0.1875
Digital Equip	-	-
Dillard Dep St	36.6875	+0.125
Disney (Walt)	34.125	+0.75
Dominion Res	42.125	-0.375
Donalley (RR)	42.0625	+0.75
Dover Corp	30.8125	+0.875
Dow Chemicals	85.1875	+0.125
Dow Jones	54.125	-0.0625
Dresser	30.75	-0.625
DSC Comm	29.3125	+0.8125
Duke Power	61.5	-0.625
Dun & Bradst	26.25	+0.3125
Du Pont	59.875	-1.0625
E G & G Corp	26.9375	-0.75
Eastern Ents	40.5	-1
Eastman Kodak	85.5	-0.125
Eaton Corp	61.0625	+0.0625
Echlin Inc	-	-
Egghead Com	9.5	-0.8125
Emerson Elec	62.5	+0.6875
Engelhard Corp	21.125	+0.1875
Enron Corp	47.25	+0.1875
Entergy Corp	28.5	-0.1875
Enzo Biochem	10	+0
Equifax Inc	42.875	-0.8125
Ericsson	24.25	-0.5
Ethyl Corp	5	+0
Exide Corp	13.125	-0.875
Exxon	70.3125	-0.25
FMC Corp	58.8125	-0.125
FPL Group	63.6875	-0.375
Fedders Corp	5.8125	+0.0625
Federal Exprss	52.1875	+0.25
Federal Mogul	63.875	-0.375
Fed Nat Mtge	60.25	+0.6875
First Chicago	71.875	-2
First Union	62.5625	-0.0625
Fruit of the Loom	26.25	-0.5625
Fst Union Rlty	7.125	-0.125
Fleet Finl Grp	73.6875	-1.25
Fleetwd Enterp	34.5	+0
Fleming Cos Ok	13.0625	-0.3125
Florida Prog	41.8125	+0.1875
Fluor Corp	46.875	+0.25
Food Lion Inc	10.6875	+0.0625
Ford Motor	49.0625	-0.6875
Fortune Brands	32	-0.3125
Foster Wheeler	14.6875	-0.125
Furniture Brands	30.6875	+0.3125
Galoob Toys	9.25	-0.125
Gateway 2000	59.9375	-1.0625
GATX Corp	35.25	-0.0625
GTE Corp	50.1875	-0.8125
Gannett	62.75	-0.3125
Gap Inc Del	64	-1.9375
Gencorp	22.875	-0.875
Gen Am Invest	29.5	+0.25
Gen Dynamics	47.125	+0.4375
Gen Electric	90.1875	+0.4375
Gen Mills	64.875	+0.4375
Gen Motors	64.5	+0.875
Gen Motors H	42.5	+0.1875
Gen Public Util	38.625	-0.3125
Gen Reinsurnce	236	+0.5
Gen Signal	40.6875	-0.1875
Gen DataComm	3.25	-0.0625
Genuine Parts	32.625	-0.0625
Georgia Pac	48.8125	+0.3125
Germany Fund	16.625	+0.375
Gillette	48.8125	-1.0625
Glaxo ADR	61.5	+0.4375
Golden W Finl	82.0625	-3
Goodrich (BF)	34.0625	-0.75
Goodyear Tire	52.9375	-0.6875
Grace (W&R)	15.0625	+0.125
Grainger (WW)	42.5625	+0.3125
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27.75	+0
Grt Central Mins	2.3125	+0.0625
Gulf Canada Res	3.25	+0.0625
Halliburton	31.5625	-0.25
Hanna (MA)	14.1875	-0.0625
Harcourt	55.5	+0
Harley Davidson	35.75	+0.5
Harnischfeger	20.25	-0.4375
Harrah's Ent	17.9375	+0.4375
Harris Corp	37.9375	-0.5625
Harsco Corp	40.875	-0.1875
Hartmax	7.0625	+0.0625
Hasbro	37.75	+1.1875
HBO & Co	27.9375	-0.9375
Health Care Ppt	32.875	+0.3125
Hecla Mining	4.4375	-0.125
Heinz (HJ)	55	+0.875
Helix Technol	13.25	+0.125
Hmrch & Payne	18.9375	-1.1875
Hercules	28.9375	-0.3125
Hershey Foods	68.8125	+1.8125
Hewlett Packard	54.9375	+0.8125
Hilton Hotels	23	-0.5625
Hirsch Int	3.375	-0.125
Hollinger	16.1875	+0
Home Depot	45.375	+1.375
Homestake	10.5	-0.25
Honeywell	79.375	+0.125
Hormel (Geo)	28.1875	+0.625
Household Intl	42.375	-0.0625
Houston Inds	29.3125	-0.0625
Humana	13.6875	-0.3125
IBM	128.438	-0.125
Ilinova Corp	26.6875	+0.375
Illinois Tool	58.1875	-0.375
INCO	9.8125	+0.125
Ind Comm Bank	13.125	-0.25
Ingersoll Rand	43.0625	+0.5625
Inland Steel	24.5625	+0.0625
Intel Corp	84.4063	-0.21875
Intergraph	6.75	-0.125
Interlake	3.75	+0.1875
Intl Flav & Fr	42.25	+0.75
Intl Multifoods	19.75	-0.625
Intl Paper	42.9375	+0.0625
Interpublic	64.875	+0.375
Jefferson Pilt	59.4375	-0.6875
Johnson & J	75.9375	-0.625
K Mart	16.6875	-0.3125
Kaiser Alum	7.6875	+0.125
Kellogg	32	+1.25
KLA Instruments	29.125	+0.3125
Kennametal	29.8125	-0.0625
Kerr-McGee	43.5625	-0.875
KeyCorp	30.1875	+0.0625
Kimberly-Clark	41.375	+0.375
King World Prod	24.9375	+0.0625
Knight Ridder	49.8125	+1.1875
Kroger	52.0625	+0.5
LSI Logic	14.125	-0.4375
Legget & Platt	24.375	+0.3125
Leucadia Natl	30	-0.0625
Lilly (Eli)	74.375	-0.5
Limited Inc	26.625	-0.375
Linear Technol	59.0625	-1.0625
Lincoln Nat	92.0625	-0.75
Litton	50.5625	-0.75
Liz Claiborne	31.9375	-0.3125
Lockheed Corp	97.5	+1.6875
Loews Corp	86.5625	-0.5
Lone Star	89.1875	-0.0625
Longs Drug Strs	33.4375	+0.5
Loral Corp	22.75	+0
Louisiana Pacif	21.3125	-0.75
Lowe's Co Inc	42.25	+1.5
Lucent Tech	87.1875	-0.8125
Lubrizol	24.375	+0.0625
Madge	3.4375	-0.0625
MCI Commun	64.125	+1.25
Mallinckrodt	24.8125	-0.1875
Manor Care	30.1875	-0.25
Mapco Inc	-	-
MarketSpan Corp	29.125	-0.4375
Marriott	32.5	-1.125
Mrsh & McLn	55.5625	-1.125
Marvel	-	-
Masco Corp	29.9375	+1.4375
Massmutual Corp	23.875	+0.125
Mattel Inc	39.9375	+0.1875
May Dept St	65.9375	+0.9375
Maytag Corp	47.1875	+0.0625
McDermott	24	-0.5
McDonalds	66.1875	+0.75
McGraw Hill	82	+1.25
McKesson Corp	84	+1.4375
Mead Corp	31.3125	+0.3125
Medtronic	59.3125	+1.4375
Mellon Bk	60.375	+0.1875
Mentor Graphics	8	-0.75
Merck Inc	133.375	+2
Meredith Corp	40.3125	-0.875
Merrill Lynch	86.3125	+1.375
Micron Technol	30.0625	+0
Microsoft Corp	112.75	+2.375
Millipore	24.0625	+0
Mine Safety App	75.625	-2.1875
Minnesota Mine	75.4375	+0.4375
Mitchell Energy	16	+0
Mobil Corp	72.875	-0.375
Mobile Telecom	-	-
Molex Inc	23.8125	+0.375
Monarch Macht	8.625	0
Monsanto	62.8125	+1.25
Morgan (JP)	120.875	+1.625
Morton Intl	24.8125	+0.5
Motorola Inc	50.875	+1.625
Murphy Oil	40.25	-0.875
Nacco Inds	102.5	-4.8125
Nalco Chemical	31.625	-0.0625
Nashua Corp	15.5	-0.25
NationsBank	70.625	+0.25
Natl City Corp	62.1875	-0.5625
Natl Semi	10.9375	-0.0625
Natl Serv Ind	49.0625	+0.25
NatWest Bank	116.25	+2.75
Navistar Int	26.9375	+0.375
Netscape	27.8125	+0.3125
New England El	40	-0.5
News Corp	28.1875	+0.125
NY State El Gas	-	-
NY Times	31.375	+0.25
Newmont Mining	16.875	-0.125
Niag Mohawk	15.5625	+0.4375
Nicor Inc	39	-0.125
Nike Inc	39.3125	+0.125
NL Industries	23.6875	-0.4375
Noble Affil	26.625	-0.8125
Nokia	77.75	+0.4375
Nordstrom	37.625	+0.125
Norfolk Southrn	30.875	+0.875
Northeast Util	15.75	+0
Northern Telecom	54.8125	+0.9375
Novell	11.9375	+0.5
Nthn State Pwr	26.9375	-0.25
Northrop	70.5625	+1.875
Norwest Corp	31.75	-0.4375
NSI	0.5625	+0
Occidental Pet	21.8125	-0.125
Ogden Corp	25.5625	+0.125
OEA	10.75	-0.375
Ohio Casualty	39.625	+0.625
Olin Corp	32	+0.0625
Omnicom Group	57.25	+0.625
Oneok Inc	32.5625	-0.4375
Oracle Systems	24.125	-0.125
Oryx Energy Co	14.875	+0.1875
Oshkosh B'gosh	44.625	+1.125
Overseas Ship	14.5	-0.1875
Owens Corning	43.5625	+1.875
PNC Financial	47.375	-0.6875
PPG Industries	57.625	+0.5625
Paccar Inc	43.5	+1.53125
Pacificorp	21.9375	+0
Pac Enterprises	-	-
Pac Gas & Elect	31.4375	-0.125
Pall Corp	22.4375	-0.25
Parker Drilling	4.8125	-0.3125
Parker Hannifin	29.4375	+0.375
Payless Shoe	53.375	-0.625
Penney(JC)	58.1875	+0.3125
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	24	-0.1875
Pennzoil	43.125	+0.25
People's Energy	36	+0
Pepsico	34.875	+1.3125
Perkin Elmer	64.9375	+0.875
Pfizer	108.5	+1.125
Pharmacia & Upj	46.5	-0.5
Phelps Dodge	51.5625	-0.375
Philadel Elec	32.0625	+0
Philip Morris	43.75	-0.5
Philips Elec	72.625	-0.9375
Phillips Pet	45.25	+0.4375
Phycor Inc	8.25	+0.125
Pioneer Hi Bred	35.1875	-0.5
Pitney Bowes	53.625	-0.75
Policy Mgt Sys	45.3125	+1.6875
Polycom	11.5	-0.125
Potash Corp	59	-0.375
Potomac El Pwr	24.5	-0.1875
Procter & Gamble	82.8125	+2
Promus Hotel Cor	33.1875	+0.1875
Pub Svc Enterpr	35.0625	-0.4375
Pug Snd Pwr	26.5	+0
Quaker Oats	57.3125	+0.3125
Qualcom	53.375	-0.625
Quanex Corp	24.4375	-0.9375
RJR Nabisco	22.875	+0.3125
Ralston Purina	29	+1.9375
Rank Orgnsn ADR	10.25	+0
Raychem Corp	31.375	+0.0625
Raytheon A	48.6875	+0.1875
Raytheon B	49.625	+0
Reebok Intl	16.6875	-0.25
Republic NY	51.125	-0.6875
Reynolds Reyn A	14.9375	+0
Reynolds Metals	54.5	+0.375
Rite Aid Corp	44.5625	+0.5625
Rockwell Intl	35.875	-0.125
Rohm & Haas	96.0625	+1.875
Rouse	30.25	-0.125
Rowan	12.1875	-0.4375
Royal Dutch	45.0625	+0.0625
Rubbermaid	27.8125	+0.125
Ruddick	16.3125	+0.125
Russell Corp	32.25	+0
Ryder System	26.625	-0.125
SPS Technology	48.6875	-0.5
Safeco Corp	45.25	-0.875
Safety-Kleen	3.4375	+0
St Paul's Cos	33.875	+0
Sara Lee Corp	49.375	+0.4375
Schering Plough	102.125	+1.875
Schlumberger	54.25	-1
Scientif Atlanta	22.8125	-0.25
Scripps	51.625	-0.1875
Seagate Tech	24.0625	-0.1875
Seagram	33.9375	-0.6875
Sears Roebuck	54.125	+1.3125
Sempra Energy	25.625	+0.25
Sensormatic Elec	8.3125	-0.75
Sequent Computer	8.59375	-0.09375
Service Corp I	35.75	-1.375
Service Master	34.875	-0.125
Shell Trans	34.25	+0.4375
Sherwin Wllms	26.9375	-0.3125
Shoney's Inc	3.0625	+0
Sigma Aldrich	29	+0.25
Silicon Graphics	11.5	+0.375
Skyline Corp	29.6875	-0.25
Smith Intl	22.375	-0.5
SmKline Bchm A	59.875	+1.75
Snap-On-Tools	30.5	-0.25
Sonat	31.3125	-0.1875
Sonoco Prods	28.75	-0.0625
Sony Corp ADR	79.25	-0.5
Southdown	53.6875	-0.375
Southern Co	27	-0.3125
Sth N. Eng Tel	69.1875	-0.375
Southw Airlines	21.0625	+0.625
SBC Sthwstn Bell	40.125	-0.375
Spring Inds	35.9375	-0.75
Sprint Corp	71.875	-0.5
Standard Prods	26.5	-0.1875
Stanley Works	42.5625	-0.4375
Stone Container	13.0625	+0
Storage Technol	34.0625	-1.4375
Stratus Comp	32.375	+0.0625
Sun America	2.1875	-0.125
Sunbeam Corp	9.25	+0.4375
Sun Company	36.6875	-1.0625
Sundstrand	50.125	+0.125
Sun Microsystms	47.125	-1.125
Sunshine Mining	0.75	-0.0625
Suntrust	62.4375	-0.9375
Supervalu	22.8125	+0
Symantec	20.5	-0.5
Sysco Corp	22.1875	+0.1875
TJX Cos Inc	27.8125	+0.4375
TRW Inc	46.0625	-0.8125
Tab Products	10.625	-0.125
Tandy Corp	62	+0.75
Telecom Corp	38.1875	+0.875
Telefonos de Mex	38.4375	-1.125
Telef De Espana	130.375	+2

	LAST	CHANGE*
Temple Inland	52	+0.5
Tenneco	32.75	+0.625
Tenet Health	27.8125	+0.1875
Teradyne	22.125	+0.3125
Tesoro Pet	16	-0.1875
Texaco	60.0625	-0.375
Texas Instrmnts	57.375	-0.375
Texas Utilities	42.5	+0.0625
Textron	71.6875	+1.0625
Thiokol	-	-
Thomas & Betts	37.5	-0.3125
ThreeCom	30	-0.0625
Time Warner	91	+0.625
Times-Mirror	60.5625	-0.3125
Timken	20.1875	-0.75
Torchmark	39.875	+1
Tosco Corp	26.6875	+0.1875
Toys R Us	20.625	-0.0625
Transamerica	115.563	+0.5
Transco Energy	57.875	+0.625
Travellers Grp	55.25	+1.375
Tribune	67.5	-0.625
Triton Energy	15.5625	-0.8125
TWA	7.0625	-0.0625
Tyco Intl Ltd	61.875	+2.0625
Tyler	7.5625	-0.3125
UAL Corp	67.875	+1.1875
USG Corp	50.6875	+0.8125
UST Inc	27.3125	+0.125
USX Marathon	28.8125	-0.3125
USX-US Steel	23.5	-0.625
Ultramar Diam	26.25	-0.0625
Unicom Corp	35.5	+0.5
Unilever PLC	37.5	+0.625
Unilever NV	68.1875	+0.6875
Union Camp	41.5	+0.375
Union Carbide	45.875	-0.6875
Union Pacific	43.875	+3.0625
Unisys Corp	24.75	-0.1875
USAIR Group	69.25	+1.5
USF&G Corp	-	-
US Home	35.4375	+0.5625
US Surgical	46.375	+1.375
US Trust	71	+1.125
US West	51.75	+0
United Tech	86.0625	-0.1875
Unocal Corp	34.9375	-0.125
VF Corp	43.75	-0.375
VMRX Pharmaceutic	1.0625	-0.09375
Valero Energy	21.6875	+0.375
Varian Assoc	40.9375	+0.375
Viacom Inc	57.125	-1.375
Vishay	12.6875	-0.4375
Vulcan Materials	118.75	+3.3125
Wachovia	83	-1.25
Walgreen	48.875	+1.625
Wal-Mart Stores	68.5	+1.25
Warner-Lambert	75.375	+2.75
Wash Gas Light	23.9375	-0.625
Washington Mutu	34.75	-0.25
Washington Post	531.938	+5.125
Waste Mgmnt Inc	51.8125	-0.0625
Watkins-Johnson	22.125	-0.4375
Weis Markets	35.5625	-0.0625
Wells Fargo	312.25	-5.75
Wendy's Intl	22.125	-0.25
Westvaco	23.25	+0.625
Weyerhaeuser	39.375	+0.875
Whirlpool	52.625	-0.3125
Whitman	19.125	+0.125
Williams Co	29	+0.75
Winn Dixie Stos	40.1875	+0.1875
Woolworth	10.9375	+0.5
World Comm	52.875	+1.125
Worthington Ind	13.375	-0.4375
Wrigley	85	+0.0625
Xerox	104.25	-0.0625
Yahoo	97.5	-0.1875
Yellow Freight	14.125	-0.25
Zero Co	-	-

LONDON

Allied Domecq	537.5	-1.5
BAT Inds	647.5	+20
BT	847	+20.5
BTR	150.75	+1.5
Barclays	1574	+66
Bass	946	-25
Boots	1038	+22
British Airways	503	+3
Comm Union plc	1010	+32
Diageo	665	-14
General Electric	446	+19.5
Glaxo	1890	+42
Halifax	721	+23
HSBC (75p shs)	1367	-9
ICI	686	+17
Land Securities	885	+9.5
Lloyds Bank	789	+29.5
Marks & Spencer	526	+14.5
NatWest Bank	1197	+18
Prudential	868	+7.5
Reuters	574	+11
Sainsbury	522	+3.5
Shell Transport	348.25	+8.25
Tyco Intl	3800	-100
Unilever	578	+15
Zeneca	2407	+23

PARIS

Accor	1455	+63
Air Liquide	880	+4
Alcatel Alsthom	1130	+48
Euro Disney	9.65	+0.15
Moulinex	127.5	-1.5
Paribas	569	+6
Pernod Ricard	418.9	+27.8
Peugeot	1113	+29
Saint Gobain	955	+15

FRANKFURT

	LAST	CHANGE*
Bayer	71.8	+1
Daimler-Benz	179.5	+4.6
Lufthansa	47.3	+1.5
Mannesmann	172.75	+6.55
Metallgesellschaft	33.95	-0.05
Volkswagen	143.4	+3.4

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 25-AUG-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	3.9641	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	3.724	0
British Pound (1)	6.1055	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.0738	0
French Franc (1)	0.6185	0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.576	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.4812	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.4097	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.1018	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.2508	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8602.65	+36.04
DJ Transport	3025.28	+18.04
DJ Utils	283.53	-0.89
DJ Comp	2696.24	+9.56
NYSE Industr	676.93	+2.58
NYSE Transport	445.8	+7.49
NYSE Comp	545.01	+1.29
S&P 100	540.72	+3.03
S&P Spot Index	1092.81	+4.67
Israel Index	223.51	+1.31

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5646.2	+94.5
Tokyo Nikkei	15072.9	+84.6
Singapore all-share index	275.21	+2.24
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	7890	+44.6
Israel Index	223.51	+1.31
Paris CAC 40	4029.32	+91.89
DAX	5234.88	+71.37
Madrid	820.29	-13.86
Swiss Market Index	7389.5	+135.6
Sydney	2627.7	+21
Milan	1441.51	-17.97

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.639	-0.0025
Sep.future (CME)	1.6366	-0.0022
D-mark: spot	1.8004	+0.006
Sep.future (CME)	0.5564	-0.0011
S-franc: spot	1.5045	+0.0034
Sep.future (CME)	0.6662	-0.0016
Yen: spot	144.37	+0.7
Sep.future (CME)	0.006954	-1.9e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.5489	+0.0004
Sep.future (CME)	0.6452	-0.0012
AusDlr: spot	0.5763	-0.0043
Sep.future (CME)	0.577	-0.0033
F-franc: spot	6.0355	+0.015
It Lira: spot	1775.95	+4.95
Nlg: spot	2.0303	+0.007
AutShlg: spot	12.6549	+0.0239
Rand: spot	6.225	-0.1
ECU: spot	1.0972	-0.0021

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (CEC)	1512	+2
Coffee (Sep) (CEC)	123.8	+6.3
Wheat (Sep) (CBOT)	247.5	-5.5
Soybean (Sep) (CBOT)	537	+5.25
Sugar (Oct) (CEC)	7.93	0
Orange juice (Sep)(CEC)	110.8	-0.7
Crude Oil (Sep)(NYMEX)	-	-
Bonds Sep.future	125.5	+0.4375
S and P Sep.future	1095	+1.8

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	1019	-6
Coffee (Sep) (LCE)	1678	+41
Brent crude oil (Sep)(IPE)	-	-

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	5.04	-0.1

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	288.9	-1.6
Silver (Sep)	5.01	-0.115
Platinum (Oct)	366.8	-5.9
Palladium (Sep)	288	0
High-grade copper (Sep)	0.7395	0

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	283.9	-0.4
Gold PM fix	283.05	-1.45
Silver fix	507.2	-8.8

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from aproximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 25-AUG-98)

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (25.8.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates**
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
Currency basket	3.9361	3.9996	—	—	3.9641
U.S. dollar	3.6982	3.7579	3.63	3.82	3.7240
German mark	2.0585	2.0918	2.02	2.13	2.0738
Pound sterling	6.0579	6.1557	5.95	6.25	6.1055
French franc	0.6141	0.6241	0.60	0.64	0.6185
Japanese yen (100)	2.5606	2.6019	2.51	2.64	2.5766
Dutch florin	1.8255	1.8550	1.79	1.89	1.8386
Swiss franc	2.4625	2.5023	2.42	2.54	2.4812
Swedish krona	0.4483	0.4556	0.44	0.47	0.4514
Norwegian krone	0.4727	0.4804	0.46	0.49	0.4760
Danish krone	0.5401	0.5483	0.53	0.56	0.5440
Finnish mark	0.6769	0.6879	0.66	0.70	0.6818
Canadian dollar	2.3901	2.4287	2.34	2.47	2.4097
Australian dollar	2.1318	2.1662	2.09	2.20	2.1478
S. African rand	0.5880	0.5975	0.53	0.60	0.5963
Belgian franc (10)	0.9979	1.0140	9.98	1.03	1.0049
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9259	2.9731	2.87	3.02	2.9473
Italian lira (1000)	2.0870	2.1207	2.05	2.16	2.1018
Jordanian dinar	5.2014	5.2853	5.11	5.48	5.2508
Egyptian pound	—	—	1.05	1.14	1.1451
ECU	4.0648	4.1304	—	—	4.0932
Irish punt	5.1642	5.2475	5.07	5.33	5.1980
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4250	2.4642	2.38	2.50	2.4416

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Ruble sinks before debt plan revealed

The Russian ruble plunged 10 percent yesterday, its biggest one-day fall since 1994, as investors scrambled to buy foreign currency before the government announced terms of a $40 billion debt restructuring plan.

The ruble fell to 7.88 to the dollar, down from 7.14 on Monday. Trading was suspended twice. Citizens, who awakened Monday morning to their second change in government in five months, besieged exchange offices across the country, where the ruble was trading at 8.4 to the dollar. The ruble has tumbled 19.7% since the announcement.

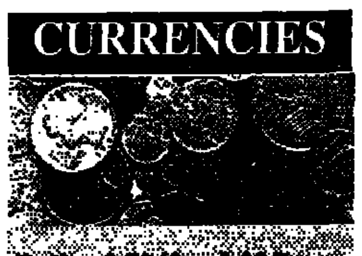
"The market needs some information to clarify the situation with domestic debt," said Alexei Mamontov, deputy director of the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange. "The lack of financial instruments pushed banks to the currency market."

Since halting repayment of $40 billion in ruble-denominated debt a week and a half ago, the government has twice delayed announcing how it plans to restructure the bills and bonds into longer-term securities. That plan was devised by the government that was fired on Sunday by President Boris Yeltsin, who appointed Viktor Chernomyrdin acting prime minister.

Meanwhile, the dollar rose against the yen, paring Monday's 1-yen loss, after Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said now isn't the time for Japan to buy its own currency.

After a string of warnings from finance officials that Japan is prepared to sell dollars to prop up the yen, Miyazawa's comments were the first suggesting no such sale is imminent.

CURRENCIES



Dollar 3.7240 ▼ 0.08%
Basket 3.9641 ▼ 0.06%
Mark 2.0738 ▼ 0.01%
Sterling 6.1055 ▲ 0.02%

"We have to intervene in the market to stem disruptive movements, but I don't think now is the time for that," he said.

"The Japanese authorities have done a good job of stabilizing the yen at these levels," said Neil MacKinnon, a director at Burke & MacKinnon Ltd., an independent hedge fund advisory firm. "I don't detect any great enthusiasm to chase the dollar to 147 yen. The market is still wary of intervention."

The dollar rose to 144.56 yen, from 143.76 late Monday. It was little changed for a fifth day against the mark at 1.7968, compared with 1.7957 late Monday, as investors mull how much Russia's planned debt rescheduling will hurt Germany, Russia's biggest creditor.

Since the yen reached an eight-year low of 147.66 per dollar on August 11, Japan has warned almost daily it will act to stem the yen's decline against the US currency. The yen is down 9.5% against the dollar this year as the Japanese economy suffers its worst recession in 50 years.

"It's hard to bid up the dollar when Japanese officials keep threatening to intervene," said Mikiyasu Yuasa, a foreign exchange manager at Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd.

Speculation Japan will buy yen is likely to continue until Miyazawa meets US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin in San Francisco around September 4, analysts said.

Japan last sold dollars, together with the US, on June 17, the day after the yen reached what was then an eight-year low of 146.78. The joint action helped shave 13 yen off the dollar's value, though the US currency regained most of those losses.

(Bloomberg)

TASE rise led by Koor

Tel Aviv

Stocks rose, after falling for four straight days, led by Koor Industries on expectations it will post a high second-quarter profits after the sale of stakes in some of its units.

Koor shares rose 2.05 percent to NIS 398, helping to push the Maof Index of the 25 largest companies up 1.13 points, or 0.36%, to 319.31.

Analysts said Koor has been successful in shedding some unprofitable subsidiaries and reducing its stake in other units to focus on managing its investments rather than the businesses themselves. This will probably boost its second-quarter profit by 45%, they said. Koor has the sixth-largest market capitalization on the index, accounting for about 5.7%.

"Koor results are due out soon, and we expect good results," said Ira Slomowitz, a trader at Israel Brokerage and Investments.

Koor plans to announce its earnings tomorrow.

The holding company is forecast to post second-quarter earnings per share of 58 cents, up from 40 cents a year ago, after netting a capital gain of $55 million from the sale of stakes in its cable television, financial services, and paint businesses, according to a mean estimate of three analysts surveyed by IBES International Inc.

Koor has interests in telecommunications, agrochemicals, building materials, and energy companies.

Tadiran, a subsidiary of Koor, rose 1.68% to 139.10. Two weeks ago, the maker of telecommunications equipment, military communications systems, and consumer electronics, said its second- quarter profit rose 24% on increased export sales.

Europe

UK stocks gained for a second day on optimism that Russia's economy won't collapse and drag other emerging markets down with it, improving the outlook for corporate profits.

SmithKline Beecham Plc, a drugmaker, and rival Glaxo Wellcome Plc rose after US stocks advanced. The two have a lot of US investors, who don't expect that problems in Russia will reduce corporate profits buoyed by low inflation and solid economic growth in the US.

"Russia's a confidence crippler rather than a major impacting influence on western economies," said Mike Grimble, investment strategist at Norwich Union Investment Management. "This is a breathing point, and we could go higher from here."

The FT-SE rose 100.7 points, or 1.81%, to 5645, gaining for a second day. Gains yesterday and Monday wiped out the 3.36% losses the index sustained Friday.

STOCKS

Maof 319.31 ▲ 0.36%
Dow Jones 8602.65 ▲ 0.4%
FTSE 5645 ▲ 1.81%
Nikkei 15072.93 ▲ 0.56%

B.A.T Industries, a major exporter to the US, rose 20p to 647. Morgan Stanley analysts said they estimated the British American Tobacco part of the company, which includes its financial-management businesses, was worth 500p a share. Zurich Insurance Co. has offered $18.7 billion for the financial-service businesses, which accounted for just under half the company's total sales last year.

British Airways Plc, Europe's largest airline, yesterday announced a decision to buy 59 Airbus Industrie planes, with options for as many as 129 more, breaking its long-time record as a Boeing Co.-only customer. The shares rose 6.5p to 503.

Rolls-Royce Plc, as part of the International Aero Engines consortium, stands to gain about $830 million from BA's decision to buy the A320 and A319 aircraft, out of orders for the V2500 engine worth about $2.5 billion. Rolls rose 20.75p to 236.

Asia

Japanese stocks rebounded for the first time in four days as the bounce on Wall Street and most European stock markets eased fears of a global equity meltdown.

"People were relieved that Wall Street didn't collapse," said Martin Keeble, joint head of dealing at Schroders Japan. "It makes for stability here."

Pharmaceutical makers, such as Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Co. and Sankyo Co., resistant to economic turmoil, paced the rise.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index rose 84.57 points, or 0.56%, to 15,072.93. The broader Topix index of all companies listed on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange climbed 4.28 points, or 0.37%, to 1162.58.

Yamanouchi gained 115 yen to 3,090. Sankyo added 105 yen o 3,100.

The benchmark was also kept above 15,000 by what appeared to be government-linked pension-fund buying, said Ryuichi Endo, a fund manager at Japan Investment Trust Management Co. That's to shore up the market for half-year book-closing.

(Bloomberg)

Wall Street

Blue-chip stocks escaped with small gains yesterday, but only after a bigger rally unraveled as a long list of global uncertainties proved too hard to ignore.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished just 36 points higher at 8,602.65 after retreating from a 122-point gain and briefly dipping into negative terrain.

Several broad-market indexes also finished higher, but the number of declining issues surpassed advancers despite trailing by a substantial margin in the morning.

There were mixed signals as to whether domestic business activity will remain vigorous enough to offset the economic slowdown overseas.

The Standard and Poor's 500 rose 4.68 to 1,092.82, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 7.17 to 1,797.99.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by an 11-to-9 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,370 up, 1,675 down and 505 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 663.76 million shares as of 4 p.m., up from 557.23 million on Monday.

The NYSE composite index rose 1.29 to 545.01, and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 2.46 to 646.86.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 1.94 to 393.70.

(AP)

Silver falls as report shows stockpiles rise

Precious Metals

Silver for September delivery fell as much as 13.5 cents, or 2.6 percent, to $4.99 an ounce on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, its lowest since June 2.

The Nymex's latest inventory report showed that stockpiles of silver held in Comex-monitored warehouses posted their biggest one-day gain since July 15. The silver stockpile rose 638,000 ounces to 79 million ounces, the exchange said after the close of trading yesterday.

Silver stockpiles had been falling the past year, in part because billionaire investor Warren Buffett's investment company Berkshire Hathaway Inc. began buying silver in July last year, announcing in February that they had bought about 130 million ounces.

Oil

Crude oil for October delivery was little changed as traders await the results of the weekly inventory report from the American Petroleum Institute, which was to be released after floor trading yesterday.

Last week, the API reported crude oil inventories during the week ended August 14 were 8.7% higher than a year earlier.

Gasoline demand soared to a record 9.5 million barrels per day, but analysts said the surge may have come too late with only a few weeks left in the summer driving season. October crude was recently little changed at $13.73 a barrel, up 9 cents on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

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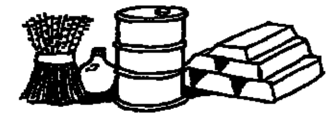

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Coffee for December delivery rose as much as 7.05 cents, or 6.3 percent, to $1.195 a pound on the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange in New York.

Traders are concerned that some exports from Brazil's largest port could be delayed, even after the end of a dockworkers strike, because of a reported slowdown by customs officials.

To be sure, rising coffee exports from Brazil could overwhelm demand on the world market. Brazilian growers are expected to produce 35.8 million bags of coffee this year, the most since 1987, according to US Department of Agriculture estimates.

White sugar for October delivery rose $1.80 to $236.30 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange, after falling more than 2% Monday on concern a bumper European Union crop will add to a glut of sugar on the world market. Analysts say weak demand and big crops in the Southern Hemisphere are likely to keep prices low in the weeks ahead.

Copper for three months delivery rose as much as $16 to $1,655 a metric ton on the London Metal Exchange amid signs demand for the metal in the US and western Europe is better than expected given concerns about a global economic slowdown.

(Bloomberg)

US bonds little changed as equity markets rebound

US bonds were little changed as world equity markets gained, sapping demand for Treasury securities as a refuge.

"Overseas markets are starting to stabilize," said Vincent Verterano, head government bond trader at Nomura Securities International Inc. "We've seen investors booking profits."

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 1/32, or 31 cents per $1,000 bond, to yield 5.47 percent. The 30-year yield fell as low of 5.38%t on Friday, the lowest level since the government began regular sales of the security in 1977. The yield on the two-year note fell 2 basis points to 5.17%.

Stock markets across Europe rallied, with many indexes gaining more than 2%. European stocks rose as investors showed renewed demand for stocks as concern about financial turmoil in Asia and Russia eased, at least for now.

There is "some strength in equity markets and that's a slight negative for bonds," said Tony Plummer, of Guinness Flight Hambro Asset Management in London.

BONDS

US 30 -yearT-bill yield
5.47 no change

Bond yields fell to record lows in recent weeks as investors bought Treasuries as a refuge from tumbling Asian and emerging markets, culminating in Russia's decision last week to allow its currency to devalue and delay some debt repayments.

Yet a rising dollar adds to the allure of US bonds because it increases their returns when the proceeds are converted into other currencies. The dollar rose against the yen today after Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said now isn't the time for Japan to buy its own currency.

The dollar rose as high as 144.87 yen, from 143.73 late Monday. It was little changed for a fifth day against the mark as investors mull over how much Russia's planned rescheduling of $40 billion of ruble debt will hurt Germany, Russia's biggest creditor.

That has many investors willing to buy bonds even with yields near record lows. "The flight to quality seems to keep coming and coming," said Peter Maiorano, comanager of the primary dealership at CIBC Oppenheimer Corp.

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Tottenham might just reach for the Sky

London Calling

Mark Rivlin

It has not been the best of weeks for Tottenham Hotspur. As if Saturday's 3-0 home defeat to Sheffield Wednesday was not bad enough – which it was – the club is being splashed across the newspapers for all the wrong reasons. Only two games gone, but already coach Christian Gross is as close as one can get to being relieved of his duty. And the Swiss role of dishonor continued on Saturday with defender Ramon Vega being booed off the pitch at halftime to the extent that he was not brought on in the second half.

To rub salt into the wounds, Sheffield's Italian midfielder Benito Carbone said that Spurs must be a bad team if his outfit can beat them 3-0. At the end of the game a posse of angry fans were in the parking lot hurling abuse at chairman Alan Sugar, and just to complete the misery, Manchester United striker Ole Gunnar Solksjaer turned down a move to north London on Monday after negotiations around his desired £20, 000 per week contract fell through.

Then came the bombshell. It appears that the club are in negotiations with none other than Rupert Murdoch, proprietor of the News International empire, to actually sell. As Murdoch owns the Sky broadcasting conglomerate, buying Tottenham would certainly make an interesting addition to his empire. Both Tottenham and News International are so far denying this rumor, but stock analysts point out that the time is ripe for Tottenham to sell.

This season, cynical fans were wondering why the only purchase the club made was to lure Sam Chisholm to the club as a media consultant when the team which had only just escaped relegation last season, were desperate for talent on the field. Chisholm used to be with Sky and has presumably been involved in behind-the-scenes negotiations.

Murdoch already owns the Los Angeles Dodgers and has part shares in the Los Angeles Lakers and New York Knicks. His company also owns the rights to every major team which appears on American cable television. His alleged plans to buy Tottenham would be part of a strategy to have more of an influence over the setting up of a European Super League with all the implications for lucrative television rights.

Sugar, for his part, may well have had enough. If he were to get out now – or "jump ship" as one tabloid put it – he would leave with about £40 million, not a bad return on his initial investment of £11 million in July 1991. Never a man to mince words, Sugar said in 1995 when the subject of similar criticism: "I've worked my nuts off for Tottenham and what do I get? Abuse from these rat bags."

Reports from the ground on Saturday suggested the players actually looked frightened to set foot on the pitch and the problems in the dressing room were accentuated by a rumor that Gross's team talks at halftime were in languages other than English. But Gross is not at all perturbed by the criticism of his management skills. Speaking from the training ground where he had called the players in for some overtime on Sunday morning he told BBC Radio that he did not think he would get sacked. "I can understand the frustration, but we have only played two games. I am staying on."

The fans would be quite pleased with a takeover by Murdoch, because it would mean money would become available for players. (the main criticism levelled at Sugar is that he has not made enough money available for transfers). Certainly the sight of a Tottenham team reduced to pumping long balls up the pitch on Saturday was what most grated the fans, some of whom will remember the glory days of the Sixties when they had one of the most cultured teams in the country.

Now, if you happen to be in the Nottingham area this week, don't mention the name Pierre Van Hooijdonk. The Dutch World Cup star is basically on strike after refusing to honor his contract from the start of the season. He was reportedly upset about the club not investing in players for the new season and said he did not want to be part of a team which could well be candidates for relegation.

Forest started the season with a defeat at Arsenal, but on Saturday, a wonderful goal by former England midfielder Steve Stone secured their first win of the season. Now the rest of the team have made their feelings clear about Van Huooijdonk. Stone said that the player would have to get changed in a separate room, but it looks highly unlikely that this "Gentleman and Players" situation will arise as Van Hooijdonk is not prepared to honor his contract and come back.

On the field, it has certainly been the week of the small spenders as unfashionable Charlton Athletic head the Premiership after their 5-0 victory over Southampton on Saturday. A hat-trick by Clive Mendonca secured the points and appears to vindicate manager Alan Curbishley's decision not to have an influx of foreign name stars. Drawing on last season's successful promotion campaign from the First Division when team spirit was an important factor, Curbishley decided to go along with his blend of youth and experience and now finds himself the subject of the kind of media attention normally reserved for the likes of Alex Ferguson.

Finally to Match of the Day. The BBC football highlights program celebrated its 34th birthday on Saturday with a replica of the same game it started with all those years ago – Liverpool and Arsenal.

Commentator Barry Davies observed that the Arsenal back four on Saturday was not the same one as in 1964, although it may seem like it to fans. Once again ,the strength of Lee Dixon, Nigel Winterburn, Steve Bould and Martin Keown came to the fore in a goalless draw. Even without the injured Tony Adams, Arsenal have enough strength in reserve to keep Michael Owen quiet. What Tottenham would only give for such a defense.

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Sosa may trail McGwire in more than home runs

MY CALL

By JOHN [illegible]

The Mark McGwire Watch was nothing to see yesterday, with McGwire spending the day in the dugout. And yet, it has been and still is and is likely to remain the Mark McGwire Watch. Sometimes, we barely notice there is someone else chasing Roger Maris's great record.

Someone in the press box mentioned recently he couldn't recall having heard a Sammy Sosa TV sound bite. And no one else could, either.

For many reasons, the difference in attention, coverage and adulation is a lot more than the difference in home runs, which is two (53-51). Some reasons are understandable. McGwire was the favorite entering the season/race. He has a Bunyanesque body. He could entertain at batting practice for hours.

Other possible reasons are not so understandable. Some people, Mets manager Bobby Valentine included, wonder if it's a territorial thing, with McGwire favored by some because he is American-born. Valentine has thought a lot about why his former player is being largely ignored, at least comparatively speaking. "There is some American pie in this whole thing," Valentine said.

Others have wondered whether there is even a racial element in this. We all know about the death threats Hank Aaron received 24 years ago when he was chasing Babe Ruth's career mark. This may be a more enlightened age, but how much more enlightened? Omar Minaya, who signed Sosa in 1985, said he understands why McGwire has gotten most of the attention. "That's only natural since he's been leading the way the whole time," Minaya said. But Minaya also said, "If Sammy Sosa were to go past McGwire, what would happen then? That's going to be the defining moment. If he does, is it going to be the Sosa Watch?" If it's not the Sammy Sosa Watch then, the racial questions will have to be asked much more loudly.

"The interesting hypothetical piece would be the postseason story of Sammy winning the race. How would that be written?" Valentine said. "Let's say Sammy hits 62, McGwire hits 60, and the season's over. It might even be written as a disappointment. I don't know." Would it be written with the same flair, the same excitement, the same sense of history?"

Valentine does not discount the Bunyan factor. He said, "Home runs are still thought of as Ruthian. They are not conjured up as an image of Maris, or of Aaron, but of Ruth. And Ruth is bigger now in all of the minds than he ever was – in stature, in bat size, in how far he hit them. And I think McGwire fits that bill. He is bigger than life. He does hit the ball farther than you can imagine."

But that's not all. "That (McGwire) speaks without an accent, I think has something to do with his likability (to the public) and his marquee value," Valentine said.

Up close, both men are extremely likable, though the pressure has caused McGwire to get prickly a time or two, even preachy. Sosa has worn his smile throughout. His public insights in a second language won't match McGwire's in his first, but Sosa has an unending charm. He lights up a clubhouse when he blurts "What a country." The less publicized story of Sosa is a darned good one. McGwire is the son of a dentist in suburban Los Angeles, Sosa the son of a factory-worker mother who had to stretch to support six kids. Young Sammy pitched in by shining shoes until Minaya rescued him with a $3,500 signing bonus in '85.

If this guy isn't a true American hero, then who is? "I think Sosa is very exciting as a representative of America, the land of opportunity, the land of inclusion," said Mike D'Innocenzo, who teaches immigration and ethnic history at Hofstra. "I love his story. Sosa came from the Dominican Republic and worked as a shoeshine boy, and he hustled. Like so many other immigrants, it's his body that got him started. He wasn't lucky enough to have money to have an education.

"It would be sad if people felt Sammy didn't deserve it because he's not American-born. I hope (he's not overlooked) because of the ethnic and racial dimension. The hope is that people will look at a great athlete and help themselves feel better about blacks or a certain other ethnic group. I think that works eventually. It may be that people tend to gravitate toward their own kind initially."

There are real reasons to prefer Sosa in this chase. He is the more enthusiastic of the two (though McGwire's occasionally dour mood may come from greater pressure as the favorite/darling of the masses). Sosa is largely unbothered. McGwire has reporters chasing him, which has made him limit interviews. Except rarely, the only entree needed for a Sosa interview is to ask, "How's it going, Sammy?"

There are reasons to prefer Sosa's chances, too. Although two homers down, he has four games at Coors Field at week's end, which is good for a gimme or two. McGwire, 34, may get worn down by the constant attention; Sosa, 29, is being overshadowed even by the lovable Cubs' wild-card chances. Plus, McGwire's troublesome back appears to be hurting (why else sit with 30 games to go?).

There are two great stories here, even if we continue to underplay one of them. If Americans got to know Sosa better, he might shed his standing as a large asterisk in the Mark McGwire Watch. (Newsday)

Sampras, Hingis top seeds at US Open

NEW YORK (Reuters) – World number ones Pete Sampras of the United States and Martina Hingis of Switzerland are the top seeds for the US Open starting next week, the USTA announced Monday.

With the exception of five-time US Open champion Steffi Graf of Germany, the USTA seeded the players according to the latest ATP and WTA Tour rankings.

Currently ranked 38th, Graf received the eighth seed on the recommendation of WTA Tour players. She missed last year's US Open after season-ending knee surgery.

Sampras, a four-time champion, regained the number one ranking from Chile's Marcelo Rios for the second time this year in the latest ATP rankings. But he has not displayed the form that has seen him finish as the top-ranked player for five straight years.

The 27-year-old Sampras captured his only Grand Slam title of the year at Wimbledon and has won just three events this year after going unbeaten in eight finals in 1997. He lost to Petr Korda in the fourth round at last year's Open.

Sampras is the top seed at the US Open for the fourth time in his career. He was the top seed in 1994, 1996 and 1997 but won the annual Grand Slam finale in 1990, 1993, 1995 and 1996 – only once as the top seed.

Sampras is tied with Bjorn Borg and his idol Rod Laver with 11 Grand Slam titles, one behind all-time leader Roy Emerson.

Last year, Hingis defeated Venus Williams in an all-teenage final, the youngest women's Grand Slam championship in the Open era. In addition, Hingis became the second youngest Open women's champion.

The Australian Open champion, Hingis has won just four events this year and none since May. In 1997, the Swiss sensation claimed 12 titles and suffered five losses all year.

This year, she already has lost nine matches.

Rios, who won just one match in two brief reigns as the world number one, is the men's second seed, followed by defending champion Patrick Rafter of Australia, Australian Open champion Korda and Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands.

Britain's Greg Rusedski, last year's runner-up, is seeded sixth, Alex Corretja of Spain seventh, resurgent former champion Andre Agassi of the United States eighth, Karol Kucera of Slovakia ninth and Spaniard French Open champion Carlos Moya tenth.

American Lindsay Davenport, who could knock Hingis out of the world number one spot by winning her first Grand Slam title, is seeded second among the women followed by Czech Wimbledon winner Jana Novotna, French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain and Williams.

American Monica Seles is sixth followed by Spaniard Conchita Martinez, Graf, Irina Spirlea of Romania and Nathalie Tauziat of France.

The draw will be held today.

Muster moves on easily in MFS championships

THE BALL'S IN HER COURT – Anna Kournikova of Russia gets set to return a shot to Barbara Schett of Austria during their first-round match Monday. (AP)

BROOKLINE, Massachusetts (AP) – Thomas Muster, a top 10 player the last three years before falling to his current No. 24 ranking, dominated Marcelo Filippini of Uruguay 6-0, 6-3 Monday night in the first round of the MFS Pro Tennis Championships at Longwood Cricket Club.

The fifth-seeded left-hander from Austria took control in the 55-minute match with top-spin forehands. Muster led 3-0 in the second set before Filippini was able to salvage a few games.

"They're never easy," Muster said, "but I moved very well today."

"He overpowered me and I never had a a chance to play my game," Filippini said.

Muster won this event 10 years ago when it was played on clay, his favorite surface. It's now played on hardcourt.

Earlier Monday, Gianluca Pozzi, at 33 the oldest player on the ATP Tour, upset sixth-seeded Fabrice Santoro of France, 6-2, 6-2.

Pozzi, who holds a No. 62 world ranking and boasts a win over No. 2 Marcelo Rios this summer, used his deep forehands to force Santoro into numerous errors from the baseline.

"I played a solid match and by keeping the ball deep I was forcing him to miss in a lot of the baseline rallies," Pozzi said.

Third-seeded Cedric Pioline was the highest ranked player to advance. The veteran from Paris needed only 55 minutes to sweep past Romania's Adrian Voinea, 6-4, 6-0.

"My ground strokes were pretty good today," Pioline said.

In other first-round matches, Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark outlasted Jerome Golmard of France 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Sebastien Grosjean of France stopped John van Lottum of the Netherlands 6-2, 6-0; and 18-year-old Xavier Malisse of Belgium beat Steve Campbell 6-3, 6-1.

Eighth-seeded Vince Spadea was forced to withdraw Monday morning because of a sprained right wrist.

Rusedski advances in Hamlet Cup

Britain's Greg Rusedski, playing his second event since spraining his left ankle at Wimbledon, beat Sweden's Magnus Norman 6-3, 6-4in the first round of the Hamlet Cup in Commack, New York.

"There was a big improvement," said Rusedski, coming off a quarterfinal appearance last week in the RCA Championships in Indianapolis. "My volley is better and I have changed my foot work a little. The ankle is fine."

Rusedski, the US Open runner-up last year, advanced to a second-round match against Brazil's Fernando Meligeni, a 6-7 (2-7), 6-4, 6-3 winner over France's Guillaume Raoux.

"I need as many matches as possible," said the Canadian-born Rusedski, who had a tour-record 143 mph serve last year in the US Open.

Defending champion Carlos Moya of Spain and countryman Francisco Clavet also advanced in the US Open warmup event.

Moya beat New Zealand's Brett Steven 7-5, 6-3, and Clavet defeated Israel's Lior Mor 6-2, 6-1.

Australia's Patrick Rafter, preparing for his US Open title defense, was scheduled to play yesterday against Spain's Javier Sanchez.

Fourth-ranked Petr Korda of the Czech Republic and two-time winner Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia withdrew because of injuries. Korda has a neck injury, while Kafelnikov's injury was not immediately known.

Meligeni overcame a slow start against Raoux.

"I played poorly in the first set and was surprised that I got it to a tiebreaker," Meligeni said. "Once we got into the second set, I played better and harder. I stayed calm, really concentrated and felt he was going to give me an opening." Raoux will get some needed rest before the US Open.

In other first-round matches, Russia's Marat Safin beat Spain's Alberto Berasategui 6-3, 6-2, Germany's David Prinosil defeated Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty 0-6, 6-4, 6-1, and the Netherlands' Jan Siemerink beat Spain's Julian Alonso 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Kournikova beats Schett in Pilot Pen

Russian sensation Anna Kournikova defeated Barbara Schett of Austria 6-3, 6-2 in the first round of the Pilot Pen International in New Haven, Connecticut.

Kournikova, ranked No. 14 in the world, broke Schett in six of her eight service games. The 17-year old also showed some versatility, winning with strong cross-court forehands, deft drop shots and a serve that hit 109 mph.

"I think I was attacking very well and not making too many mistakes," said Kournikova, although she was broken three times.

Kournikova, who isn't seeded, will face seventh-seeded Amanda Coetzer of South Africa in the second round.

Coetzer lost a 3-0 lead after two quick breaks in the first set against Magui Serna of Spain, but held on to win 7-6 (8-6), 6-3.

Coetzer hit a series of backhand winners, but also was helped by Serna's mistakes.

"I think she really gave me a couple," said Coetzer, who won the tiebreaker after falling behind 4-1.

Serna beat Steffi Graf in the third round of the du Maurier tournament last week in Montreal.

Coetzer leads the series against Kournikova 3-2. The two last met in 1997 in Filderstadt, Germany, where Coetzer won in three sets and reached that tournament's semifinals.

"We know each other's games pretty well. I think my game matches well against her's," Coetzer said. "She's a good competitor and she's tough to play."

In other action, Mary Joe Fernandez won 11 straight games en route to a 3-6, 6-0, 6-1 victory over eighth-seeded Dominique Van Roost of Belgium.

Fernandez rallied after the first set with solid play, throwing Van Roost off her game with deep groundstrokes.

The field includes Wimbledon champion Jana Novotna, Lindsay Davenport, the No. 2 player in the world, and No. 4-ranked Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

BASEBALL

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Starting with Monday night's game against the Tigers, the Rangers' next 18 games are against five sub-.500 clubs: Detroit, the Chicago White Sox, Minnesota, Kansas City and Tampa Bay.

Royals 7, Blue Jays 3

Rookie Brian Barber bounced back from a disastrous start and Sal Fasano homered as the visiting Royals won their season-high fifth straight game.

After allowing eight earned runs in just 1⅔ innings against Boston in his last start, his first major league appearance since 1996, Barber (1-1) held the Blue Jays to one earned run on three hits before leaving with one out in the seventh.

Matt Whisenant pitched the final 1⅓ innings for his second save.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cardinals-Pirates rained out

Mark McGwire took the day off, and, as it turned out, the visiting St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates did, too – at least in the standings.

The Cardinals-Pirates game was rained out in the middle of the seventh inning Monday afternoon with the score tied 5-5. The result goes down as a tie, and all statistics count.

The game will be made up when the Pirates play at St. Louis from September 14-16.

Astros 12, Cubs 3

Sammy Sosa was 2-for-4 with a pair of singles, remaining at 51 homers. Moises Alou, Craig Biggio and Carl Everett homered for visiting Houston, which completed a three-game sweep, outscoring Chicago 33-9.

Alou's homer was his 38th of the season and ninth in 18 games. Biggio had 17 homers, including four during the series.

Everett was 2-for-5 with five RBIs, matching his career high.

Giants 7, Marlins 4

Joe Carter rallied visiting San Francisco from a 4-3 deficit when he hit a two-run homer in the eighth off Brian Edmonson (3-4), and the Giants swept an opponent for the first time.

San Francisco finished 9-0 against the Marlins, outscoring them 61-29. The Giants' best previous one-season record was 15-1 against the Boston Braves in 1918.

Rich Rodriguez (4-0) pitched 1 2/3 scoreless inning for the victory, and former-Marlin Robb Nen pitched a hitless ninth for his 33rd save.

Braves 4, Dodgers 3

Javy Lopez and Andruw Jones hit back-to-back homers in the eighth against Jeff Shaw (2-6) as host Atlanta overcame a 3-0 deficit.

The Dodgers broke a scoreless duel between Tom Glavine and Brian Bohanon in the top of the eighth when Trenedad Hubbard scored from first on Gary Sheffield's single. Eric Karros followed with his third homer in two days.

Reds 8, Expos 1

Pete Harnisch took a perfect game into the sixth inning and wound up with a three-hitter as visiting Cincinnati completed a three-game sweep, extending the Expos' losing streak to five.

Harnisch (10-6), who struck out nine and walked one, allowed a one-out homer to Orlando Cabrera in the sixth, an infield single to Vladimir Guerrero in the seventh and a two-out single to Ryan McGuire in the eighth.

Diamondbacks 9, Mets 5

Jay Bell doubled, tripled and homered as visiting Arizona tripped up the Mets for the second straight day. New York remained one game ahead of Chicago in the wild-card race.

With the Mets trailing 4-1 in the ninth, Mel Rojas allowed five runs and three hits, including a three-run homer by Matt Williams and a solo shot by Kelly Stinnett.

Bell, 3-for-4 with three RBIs, tripled in the first, doubled in the third and homered in the fifth off Masato Yoshii (5-7), who lost for the sixth time in seven decisions. Amaury Telemaco (5-8), who had lost five of his previous six starts, gave up one run and five hits in seven innings, and Willie Blair got five outs for his first save.

Rockies 3, Phillies 1

Todd Helton homered and Bobby Jones snapped a three-game losing streak with six strong innings as the visiting Rockies won.

Jones (6-7) surrendered five hits en route to his first win since August 3 at Pittsburgh. The left-hander walked three and struck out six before getting relief help. Dave Veres finished up, getting the last two outs for his fifth save.

Padres 7, Brewers 2

Greg Vaughn hit his 43rd home run and Ken Caminiti homered and drove in four runs to lead the visiting Padres to victory. (Reuters, AP)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Sirotka, Bradford (4), B.Ward (6), Navarro (8) and Kreuter; Cloude, B.Wells (8), Paniagua (8), Timlin (8) and Marzano. W—Cloude, 8-9. L—Sirotka, 12-12. Sv—Timlin (12). HRs—Chicago, Ventura (15), M.Ordonez (12). Seattle, Griffey Jr (44), E.Martinez (24).

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Detroit 000 001 220—5 12 1
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J.Thompson, Bochtler (6), Runyan (7), Brocail (8) and Bako. Sidcall (8); Sele, Gunderson (7), Crabtree (8), Wetteland (9) and Haselman, I.Rodriguez (8). W—Sele, 15-10. L—J.Thompson, 10-11. Sv—Wetteland (35). HRs—Texas, W.Clark (18), Haselman (6).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cincinnati 020 000 321—8 11 0
Montreal 000 001 000—1 3 4
Harnisch and Taubensee; Hermanson, Telford (8), Ja.Powell (9) and Widger. W—Harnisch 10-6. L—Hermanson 11-10. HRs—Cincinnati, R.Sanders (13). Montreal, O.Cabrera (2).

Los Angeles 000 000 030—3 10 0
Atlanta 000 000 04x—4 9 1
Bohanon, Shaw (8) and Prince; Glavine, Ligtenberg (9) and J.Lopez. W—Glavine 17-5. L—Shaw 2-6. Sv—Ligtenberg (23). HRs—Los Angeles, Karros (18). Atlanta, J.Lopez (26). A.Jones (22).

San Francisco 110 000 131—7 14 0
Florida 022 000 000—4 10 1
Gardner, R.Rodriguez (7), Tavarez (8), Nen (9) and Mayne; Meadows, Darensbourg (3), Edmondson (7), Speier (8) and Zaun. W—R.Rodriguez 4-0. L—Edmondson 3-4. Sv—Nen (33). HRs—San Francisco, Carter (1). Florida, Dunwoody (3), Floyd (17).

Arizona 200 020 005—9 12 1
New York 000 001 004—5 9 0
Telemaco, Embree (8), W.Banks (8) and Stinnett; Yoshii, Blair (7), Rojas (9) and Fabregas. W—Telemaco 5-8. L—Yoshii 5-7. Sv—W.Banks (1). HRs—Arizona, J.Bell (17), M.Williams (17). Stinnett (9).

St. Louis 000 140 0—5 7 1
Pittsburgh 010 103 x—5 6 0
(6 1/2 innings) Bottenfield, Petkovsek (6) and Marrero; Van Poppel, Tabaka (6), Rincon (7), McCurry (7) and Kendall.

Houston 200 002 323—12 11 1
Chicago 010 000 020—3 9 2
Reynolds, Elarton (7), Ja.Powell (9) and Eusebio; M.Clark, Rdn.Myers (3), Karchner (6), Stevens (7), F.Heredia (9) and Servais. W—Reynolds, 16-8. L—M.Clark, 7-12. HRs—Houston, Biggio (17), Alou (38), Everett (13). Chicago, Morandini (7).

Colorado 020 000 100—3 7 0
Philadelphia 000 100 000—1 6 0
BM.Jones, Leskanic (7), McElroy (9), Veres (9) and J.Reed; Loewer, Spradlin (8), Y.Perez (9) and Estalella. W—BM.Jones, 6-7. L—Loewer, 6-5. Sv—Veres (5). HR—Colorado, Helton (21).

San Diego 100 002 400—7 13 2
Milwaukee 100 100 000—2 8 0
Hitchcock, Miceli (9) and G.Myers; Woodard, M.Myers (7), Plunk (8) and Matheny. W—Hitchcock, 8-5. L—Woodard, 9-9. HRs—San Diego, Caminiti (24), G.Vaughn (43).

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	94	34	.734	–
Boston	76	52	.594	18
Baltimore	69	61	.531	26
Toronto	66	65	.504	29½
Tampa Bay	49	79	.383	45

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	71	58	.550	–
Kansas City	60	71	.458	12
Minnesota	57	72	.442	14
Chicago	56	73	.434	15
Detroit	50	80	.385	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	72	59	.550	–
Texas	69	61	.531	2½
Seattle	60	69	.465	11
Oakland	60	71	.458	12

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	87	44	.664	–
New York	72	59	.550	15
Philadelphia	64	67	.489	23
Montreal	51	81	.386	36½
Florida	45	86	.344	42

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	82	50	.621	–
Chicago	71	60	.542	10½
Pittsburgh	62	68	.477	19
St. Louis	62	68	.477	19
Milwaukee	62	69	.473	19½
Cincinnati	60	71	.458	21½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	84	47	.641	–
San Francisco	70	61	.534	14
Los Angeles	64	67	.489	20
Colorado	61	71	.462	23½
Arizona	50	82	.379	34½

Wild card glance

American League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	76	52	.594	–
Baltimore	69	61	.531	8
Texas	69	61	.531	8

National League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	72	59	.550	–
Chicago	71	60	.542	1
San Francisco	70	61	.534	2

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING – BWilliams, New York, .345; TWalker, Minnesota, .339; MVaughn, Boston, .332; DJeter, New York, .326; IRodriguez, Texas, .325; Garciaparra, Boston, .323; Stairs, Oakland, .316; Segui, Seattle, .316.

RUNS – DJeter, New York, 102; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 100; ARodriguez, Seattle, 98; Durham, Chicago, 96; JnValentin, Boston, 96; Knoblauch, New York, 93; Edmonds, Anaheim, 92.

RBI – JuGonzalez, Texas, 128; Belle, Chicago, 112; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 111; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 106; ARodriguez, Seattle, 103; MRamirez, Cleveland, 102; TMartinez, New York, 102.

HITS – ARodriguez, Seattle, 171; DJeter, New York, 162; MVaughn, Boston, 159; Offerman, Kansas City, 158; GAnderson, Anaheim, 156; O'Neill, New York, 155; Belle, Chicago, 153.

DOUBLES – JnValentin, Boston, 41; GAnderson, Anaheim, 38; CDelgado, Toronto, 38; Erstad, Anaheim, 36; IRodriguez, Texas, 36; Belle, Chicago, 36; TWalker, Minnesota, 35.

TRIPLES – Offerman, Kansas City, 11; O'Leary, Boston, 8; Winn, Tampa Bay, 7; Garciaparra, Boston, 7; McCracken, Tampa Bay, 7; Damon, Kansas City, 7; Durham, Chicago, 7.

HOME RUNS – Griffey Jr, Seattle, 44; Belle, Chicago, 38; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 38; JuGonzalez, Texas, 37; ARodriguez, Seattle, 36; Canseco, Toronto, 35; MVaughn, Boston, 33.

STOLEN BASES – Henderson, Oakland, 54; Lofton, Cleveland, 39; Stewart, Toronto, 38; ARodriguez, Seattle, 37; Offerman, Kansas City, 37; BLHunter, Detroit, 34; TGoodwin, Texas, 31; Nixon, Minnesota, 31.

PITCHING (15 Decisions) – DWells, New York, 16-2, .889, 3.26; Cone, New York, 18-4, .818, 3.58; PMartinez, Boston, 17-4, .810, 2.73; Wakefield, Boston, 15-5, .750, 4.28; Clemens, Toronto, 15-6, .714, 2.90; Rogers, Oakland, 12-5, .706, 3.05; Helling, Texas, 16-7, .696, 4.64.

STRIKEOUTS – RJohnson, Seattle, 213; PMartinez, Boston, 200; Clemens, Toronto, 191; CFinley, Anaheim, 180; Cone, New York, 162; Erickson, Baltimore, 154; Colon, Cleveland, 140; Mussina, Baltimore, 140.

SAVES – Gordon, Boston, 36; Percival, Anaheim, 35; Wetteland, Texas, 35; MRivera, New York, 33; MJackson, Cleveland, 32; Aguilera, Minnesota, 31; JMontgomery, Kansas City, 28; RaMyers, Toronto, 28.

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

BATTING – Olerud, New York, .345; Bichette, Colorado, .340; LWalker, Colorado, .337; Kendall, Pittsburgh, .336; VGuerrero, Montreal, .330; Biggio, Houston, .327; Castilla, Colorado, .326.

RUNS – ChJones, Atlanta, 108; Biggio, Houston, 107; Sosa, Chicago, 101; McGwire, St. Louis, 101; Bagwell, Houston, 100; GVaughn, San Diego, 97; Glanville, Philadelphia, 96.

RBI – Sosa, Chicago, 126; Alou, Houston, 115; McGwire, St. Louis, 113; Castilla, Colorado, 112; Bichette, Colorado, 107; Galarraga, Atlanta, 106; GVaughn, San Diego, 104.

HITS – Bichette, Colorado, 185; Biggio, Houston, 172; Castilla, Colorado, 169; VGuerrero, Montreal, 168; Glanville, Philadelphia, 166; ChJones, Atlanta, 160; Vina, Milwaukee, 159; Sosa, Chicago, 159.

HOME RUNS – McGwire, St. Louis, 53; Sosa, Chicago, 51; GVaughn, San Diego, 43; Galarraga, Atlanta, 40; Alou, Houston, 38; Castilla, Colorado, 37; VGuerrero, Montreal, 31; HRodriguez, Chicago, 31.

STOLEN BASES – Womack, Pittsburgh, 50; Biggio, Houston, 41; Renteria, Florida, 40; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 38; Floyd, Florida, 24; QVeras, San Diego, 21; DeShields, St. Louis, 21; Bonds, San Francisco, 21.

PITCHING (15 Decisions) – KBrown, San Diego, 16-4, .800, 2.38; Glavine, Atlanta, 17-5, .773, 2.57; GMaddux, Atlanta, 17-6, .739, 1.91; Ashby, San Diego, 16-6, .727, 2.79; ALeiter, New York, 12-5, .706, 2.42; Lima, Houston, 13-6, .684, 3.63; Tapani, Chicago, 15-7, .682, 4.61; RReed, New York, 15-7, .682, 2.96.

STRIKEOUTS – Schilling, Philadelphia, 247; Wood, Chicago, 207; KBrown, San Diego, 207; GMaddux, Atlanta, 170; Reynolds, Houston, 167; Dreifort, Los Angeles, 154; Nomo, New York, 151.

SAVES – Hoffman, San Diego, 41; Beck, Chicago, 37; Shaw, Los Angeles, 37; Nen, San Francisco, 33; JFranco, New York, 28; Urbina, Montreal, 26; BWagner, Houston, 24.

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CRITICS' CHOICE

CHILDREN

HELEN KAYE

Magic of a Story continues today with Eric Smith's delightful puppet theater production of *Andersen Legends* on the main stage; at Inbal a little witch in the bathroom causes all kinds of surprises in *Bathroom Legend*. Both shows at 5 and 7 p.m. Across the hall from Yaron Yerushalmi there's story telling at 4:30 and 5:15 p.m. and of course there are free shows on the plaza. (All shows in Hebrew)

CANTORAL

HELEN KAYE

Four days of cantorial singing, lectures, workshops and more start today in *Hallelujah*. The festival features cantors such as Ben-Zion Miller, Israel Rand, Haim Eliezer Hershtik, wunderkind Amit Listund and Avraham Fried. The energetic Ra'anana Symphonette provides the musical accompaniment and conductor Elie Jaffe is the event's musical director. First concert tonight at 8 in the Kibbutz Lavi Hotel. Info: (06) 679-9450

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

Lambert Wilson and Anna Galiena star in 'The Leading Man.'

★★★ THE LEADING MAN – John Duigan directs this wry little backstage love roundelay. Set in London, the film stars rock singer Jon Bon Jovi in an adept bit of self-satire as a cocky American heartthrob, set to appear in a new British play whose author (Lambert Wilson) is as tweedy, pale and tortured-looking as Bon Jovi's character seems carefree, muscular and oversexed. The movie takes shape as a peculiar contest between the two men, who are rivals not just for the affections of several women, but who seem to be struggling for control of the spotlight and, by extension, the script – not the literal, proscenium-bound script, mind you, but the more elusive script of life. Who will get the girl? Who will be the star, the leading man of the title? Will the ending be happy, as the American prefers, or sad, as the Englishman declares that it must be? The clever screenplay by Virginia Duigan manages to blur the lines between the drama unfolding onstage and off, and to pitch these typically theatrical questions at an almost existential level. With Anna Galiena and Thandie Newton. (Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Vacation TV
9:45 Enigma
10:10 Hot Shots
10:35 Wayne Manifesto
11:00 Okavango
11:25 Hot Science
11:50 Platfus
12:00 Vacation TV
12:45 Hanni's Vacation
14:30 Star Trek – Deep Space 9
15:15 *Spaceship Earth*

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Zap Free
15:35 X Men
15:55 Zap – Country Vacation
16:05 Garfield
16:30 Zap – Seaside
16:59 New Evening
17:35 Zap – Chevrolet
17:50 USA High
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Where Are We Going?
19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:10 The Thin Blue Line
20:00 *News*
20:10 Talk of the Day
20:25 Are You Being Served?
21:00 News
21:30 Summer at Jubilee
23:00 Dream On
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Rupert Bear
6:30 Choco with Tel-Ad
6:43 Coffee with *Tel-Ad*
9:00 The Third Time
9:55 Parent Trap 3
10:50 Disney Time
11:40 Empty Nest
12:05 Amazing Stories
12:30 Mega Movie Magic
13:00 Spellbinder
13:30 Home and Away
14:00 Calculated Risk
14:30 Sesame Street
15:00 Meeting Point
16:00 The Bold and the *Beautiful*
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Rafi Reshef
17:30 Fresh Prince of Bel Air
18:00 Lingo
18:30 Ramat Aviv Gimmel
20:00 News
20:30 Israeli Opera's Jubilee – gala featuring local singing stars
22:30 Under Siege 2 (1995) – Steven Segal deals with terrorists who take over the train on which he and his niece are traveling
00:00 News Flash
00:05 Under Siege 2 – contd.
1:05 M*A*S*H
1:15 Red Sea Jazz Festival
2:55 Song for the Day

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Mr. Bogus
15:30 Oliver Twist
16:00 Musical Magazine
17:00 Oshoa
18:00 Acapulco Bay
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French Show
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Partners
20:00 Our Special Reporter
20:30 Faces and Places
21:00 Local Magazine
21:15 Kung Fu
22:00 News in English
22:30 Miniseries

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Gerbert
17:20 Mort & Phil
17:45 Superbook 2
18:10 Jack Hanna
18:35 Wait Till You Have Kids
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 European Soccer Live – Betar Jerusalem vs Benfica Lisbon
20:00 Stockard Channing
22:00 The Sea Angels
23:00 The 700 Club
23:30 CNN News

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:45 Amores
17:30 From Day To Day
18:00 Wiseman of the *Generations*
19:00 Arabic News
19:30 Telekessef
20:00 News Room
20:30 Medicine
21:00 News
21:30 Scent of Mint
23:05 Ove Ove

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 The Adventures of the Bush Patrol
16:00 Summer Studio
16:45 Local Pop
17:00 Color Garden
17:20 Children's Stories in *Arabic*
17:30 Dear Brother
18:00 Pique Nique
18:30 A Matter of Taste
19:00 Simply Style
19:25 Little Big Country
19:30 New Evening
20:00 Mind Your Language
20:30 Medicine Demystified
20:43 Little Big Country
20:45 Border Line
22:00 Star Trek – Deep Space 9
22:45 Assignment Adventure

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening
7:30 ETTV: with Julia Louis *Dreyfus*
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry
12:00 Ricki Lake
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 Wings
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Cafe Paris
18:00 Good Evening
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 Players
21:10 Players (rpt)
22:00 Suddenly Susan (rpt)
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:25 Ricki Lake (rpt)
00:05 Sentinel
00:45 Renegade
1:20 Love Boat

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 The Simhon Family (Hebrew, 1964) – a businessman starts spending *money before he gets the* fat contract he expects
13:10 Break of Hearts (1935) – a young composer weds a temperamental and successful conductor. With Katharine Hepburn *and Charles Boyer*
14:25 New in the Cinema
14:45 Reunion (1994) – a young mother is visited by the spirit of her dead four-year-old son
16:20 The Almost Perfect *Bank Robbery (1996)* – comic thriller about a cop and his greedy fiancée who plan the perfect bank heist. With Brooke Shields and Dylan Walsh
17:55 New in the Cinema
18:05 Hard Promises (1991) – a man who has been away from home for years is astonished to receive an invitation to *his* wife's wedding. With Sissy Spacek
19:40 Renegade
20:30 The Skipper (Hebrew, 1987) – successful comedy about an easy-going tour-boat captain from Tiberias who raises his son alone, fighting his ex-wife when she returns from America to sue for custody. With Yehuda Barkan
22:00 Project Shadowchaser 4 (1996) – sci-fi thriller. A team of archeologists in Africa inadvertently revive an alien. With Jennifer MacDonald, Todd Jensen and Frank Zagarino
23:30 Sketch Artist II: Hands That See (1995) – *the police artist this time is* challenged to draw a suspect from the description of a blind rape victim. With Jeff Fahey, Courteney Cox, Michael Nicolosi and Jonathan Silverman
1:15 Touched by Evil (1996) – a young woman who was brutally raped *slowly rebuilds her life, only* to be harassed by the rapist again. With Paula Abdul
2:40 The Cool and the Crazy (1994, 81 mins.) – Ralph Bakshi directed this drama about a 1950s bored housewife who has an affair to the chagrin of *her husband. With Matthew* Flint, Alicia Silverstone and Jennifer Blanc

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Barney
8:30 Arthur
9:00 The Smurfs
9:35 Ninja Turtles
10:10 Batman and Robin
10:40 Twins of Destiny
11:05 Hot-Air Balloon
11:15 Viewers' choice
11:50 Hot-Air Balloon
12:00 Sweet Valley High
12:30 Step by Step
13:00 Bobby's World
13:25 Power Rangers
13:45 Helen and the Boys
14:10 Chiquititas
15:00 Ninja Turtles
15:35 Batman and Robin
16:10 Twins of Destiny
16:35 Hot-Air Balloon
16:45 Viewers' choice
17:25 Sweet Valley High
17:45 Hot-Air Balloon
18:00 Step by Step (rpt)
18:30 Arthur
19:05 The Smurfs
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:45 Full House
21:10 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers (1989) – Horror film about the invincible murderer who this time escapes from prison to go after his niece. With Donald Pleasance, Ellie Cornell and George P. Wilbur
23:30 Tales of Terror (1961, 85 mins.) – Roger Corman adapts four Edgar Allan Poe stories. With *Vincent Price, Peter Lorre* and Basil Rathbone

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University
8:00 On Jupiter (rpt)
8:55 Understanding Magnetism (rpt)
9:50 Picasso and Dance
11:15 Lee Miller
12:10 Great Strides (rpt)
12:40 Life in the Wild (rpt)
13:05 Future Quest
13:35 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (rpt)
14:00 Science Friction (rpt)
14:50 Seven Deadly Sins: Gluttony (rpt)
15:15 Riverine Wilderness
16:05 Sadhus
17:00 Open University: Oil
19:05 Great Strides
19:35 Life in the Wild
20:05 Future Quest
20:30 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles
21:00 Silent Minds
23:05 The Big Questions
23:30 Open University

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 Swiftly Seasoned
6:30 Porridge
7:00 Bergerac
8:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
9:00 Santa Barbara
10:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
10:30 Nanny and the *Professor*
11:00 Porridge
11:30 Swiftly Seasoned
12:00 *Saber Rider and the* Star Sheriffs
12:30 Small Wonder
13:00 Batman
13:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
14:00 The Simpsons
14:30 The Wonder Years
15:00 Baywatch Nights
16:00 The Knock
17:00 NYPD Blue
18:00 Santa Barbara
19:00 The Bold and the *Beautiful*
19:30 The Simpsons
20:00 Baywatch Nights
21:00 The Knock
22:00 NYPD Blue
23:00 To Serve Them All My Days
00:00 Bergerac
1:00 Aerobics Oz Style
1:30 Terry Toons
2:00 Captain America
2:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 Asia Today
6:45 World Business
7:30 Reporters (rpt)
8:30 The Travel Show (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Earth Report
11:30 Reporters (rpt)
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 The Air Show (rpt)
14:00 The World Today
15:30 Africa's Big Game
16:00 World News and Business Report
16:30 The World Today
17:30 The Skeleton Coast
18:30 Hard Talk
19:30 The Travel Show (rpt)
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Decisive Weapons: Frigate, U-Boat Killers
23:00 World News and Business Report
23:30 Top Gear Waterworld
00:10 Europe Direct
1:30 World Business
1:45 Asia Today (rpt)
2:05 USA Direct

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughout the day
6:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sports
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Business Unusual
15:15 News and Business Asia
16:30 CNN Newsroom
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Style
19:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline

■ SKY NEWS (14/13)

News on the hour
6:30 CBS Evening News
7:30 ABC World News
8:00 Sunrise
12:30 ABC Nightline
15:30 Sky World News
18:30 Sky World News
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportline
22:30 Business Report
23:30 Sky World News
00:00 Prime Time
2:30 CBS Evening News

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:00 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 European Soccer
18:00 Basketball
19:30 Sports News
20:00 WNBA semifinals
22:30 French League Soccer
00:00 MLS

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Soccer – *UEFA Cup*
11:00 Live Cycling – World Track Championships
13:00 LPGA Compaq Open from Sweden
14:00 Tennis
14:30 Sailing
15:00 Motorsports
16:30 Athletics
18:00 Cycling
18:45 Live Cycling – World Track Championships
21:45 UEFA Cup
22:00 Live UEFA Cup
00:00 Sumo
1:00 Motorsports

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30			Melrose Place	Renegade	Family Matters	Life in the Wild
20:00	News Talk of the Day	News			Married with Children	Future Quest
20:30	Are yYou Being Served	Israeli Opera's *Jubilee*	Players	The Skipper	*Fresh Prince of Bel Air*	Mysteries
21:00	News		Players		*Full House*	Silent Minds
21:30	Summer at Jubilee				Beverly Hills 90210	
22:00			Suddenly Susan	Project *Shadow-chaser 4*	Halloween 4	
22:30		Under *Seige 2*	Seinfeld			
23:00	Dream On					The Big Question

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Grieg: Lyric Pieces op 12, 38, 43, 47 (Katin)
7:07 Bach: Sonata in D major for Cello and Keyboard; Jolivet: *Pastorale* for Flute, Bassoon and Harp; Schumann: Andante and Variations for Horn, 2 Cellos and *2 Pianos*
8:05 Biber: 2 Sonatas for Trumpet, Strings, Timpani and Continuo; Beethoven: Mass in C op 86
9:05 Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite no 1; Mozart: Wind Serenade in C minor K388; Schubert: String Quintet in C op 163; Haydn: Piano Concerto in D; Brahms: Symphony no 2 op 73; Debussy: Printemps (suite) for Orchestra
12:00 Light Classical – wind *orchestras play* Schubert, Grainger, Rogers, Wagner, Godfrey, Khachaturian, King and Dinicu
12:50 Artist of the Week – Birmingham Symphony conducted by Simon Rattle. Messiaen: Turangalila-symphonie for Piano, Ondes Martenot and Orchestra
14:06 Leonard Bernstein - 80 years since his birth. *Works by* Bernstein, Barber, Sibelius and Beethoven
16:00 Bach: Preludes and Fugues from Book 2 of The Well-Tempered Clavier; Mozart: Sonata for Piano and Violin K378; Albeniz: Cordoba; Mussorgsky: Songs; Prokofiev: Peter and the Wolf
18:00 Liszt: Consolations; Saint-Saens: The Swan; Gliere: Vocalise; Koechlin: 14 Short Pieces for Flute and Piano op 157b; Debussy: Prelude a l'apres-midi d'une faune; Faure: Messe basse for Solo Voices, Organ and Chorus; *Rachmaninoff: Trio elegiaque no* 2 op 9; Dvorak: String Quartet no 12 "American" (Bartok)
20:05 From Our Concert Halls – (1) The Israel Camerata, Jerusalem / Erik Van Nevel. Vivaldi: Concerto in B minor for 4 Violins, Strings and Continuo; Bach: Brandenburg Concerto no 1; Telemann: Pimpione – opera; (2) *Albeniz: Iberia Suite for Piano*
23:00 Golden Generation – Sergei Rachmaninoff, piano. *Works by Chopin, Rachmaninoff* and Mendelssohn; Rachmaninoff: Concerto no 3 op 30

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWest local news
6:00 Morning Drive (until 9:00) – *Music with David Starck*
7:30 English Newspaper Headlines
7:45 Sports Update with Danny Gewirtz
8:08 Lion's Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch (until 12:00) – Music with Sharon Wagner
10:00 Financial Forum with Mike Humphries
13:00 Windows on the World
13:30 Pick of the Hits with Donna Abraham
16:00 Afternoon Drive (until 19:00) – with Aaron Katsman
17:45 Sports Update with Danny *Gewirtz*
19:00 Blues Block with David Bender
20:45 Jerusalem Post Sports – tomorrow's sports tonight – with Joe Hoffman and Ori Lewis
21:00 Gesher presents "The Great Divide" – Panel Discussion
22:00 WestRock with David Suskauer
1:00 Late Night Music

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 News
6:05 World Business Report
6:15 Sports Roundup
6:30 Insight
6:45 Off the Shelf: No Full Stops In India, part 5
7:00 The World Today
7:30 Outlook
7:55 Take Five
8:00 The World Today
8:30 One Planet
9:00 News
9:15 Insight
9:30 Sports International
10:00 News
10:15 Off the Shelf: Anna Karenina, part 18
10:30 Meridian Live
11:00 News
11:10 Pause For Thought
11:15 Westway
11:30 Everywoman
12:00 News
12:05 World Business Report
12:15 The Farming World
12:30 Britain Now (BBC English)
12:45 Sports Roundup
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 One Planet
14:00 Newsdesk
14:30 Sports International
15:00 News
15:05 World Business Report
15:15 Britain Today
15:30 Heads And Tails
15:45 Sports Roundup
16:00 Newshour
17:00 News
17:05 Outlook
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MOVIES

JERUSALEM

CINEMATHEQUE The Boxer 5 • Buzz 7:30 • Wildman Blues∞Apur Ansar 9:30 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Grease∞The Avengers 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Mouse Hunt ∞The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30, 2, 4:45 • Superboy 11:30, 2, 4:45, 7:15 • *Lethal Weapon 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10* • The Patriot 10 • The Big Lebowski 7:15, 10 • City of Angels 7:15, 10 • The Borrowers∞Paulie 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15 **JERUSALEM THEATER** The Spanish Prisoner 9:30 • The King of Masks 7 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Mafia! 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30 • Armageddon 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:45 • Titanic 8:45 • The Horse Whisperer 9:45 • Pipi Longstocking ∞Mulan(*Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • Parent Trap *11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:15* • Godzilla 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 Superboy 11:30 a.m. • Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 • The Borrowers 11:30 a.m., 4:30 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 He Got Game 5:45 • Family Secrets 4 • A Price Above Rubies 8, 10:15

TEL AVIV

DIZENGOFF Spanish Prisoner∞*The Real Blonde 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10* • *On connait la chanson* 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 **GAT** ☎6967888 The Horse Whisperer 3:15, 6:30, 9:45 **GLOBUS** ☎6081130/1 The Avengers 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Grease ∞Paulie 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30 • City of Angels∞High Art 7:30, 10 • The Borrowers ∞Superboy 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • The Magic Sword 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • The Big Lebowski ∞Lethal Weapon IV 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 **G.G. HOD 1-4** ☎ *5226226 Hod Passage, 101* Dizengoff St. Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Grease 5, 7:30, 10 • Live Flesh 10∞Paulie Sat. 7:30; Sun-Wed. 5, 7:30 • Blues Brothers 2000 4:45, 7:15, 10 **LEV** ☎5288288 A Price Above Rubies 11 a.m., 1:45, 5, 7:30, 10 • He Got Game 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Kundun 11:30 a.m., *2, 7:30* • *Good Will Hunting 11 a.m., 7, 9:45* • Family Secrets 1:45, 5 • Sweet Hereafter 10 • Night Train 4:45 **LEV AVIV** ☎ 6417148 He Got Game 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Kundun 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5 • Sweet Hereafter 2:30, 5, 7:15, 10 • Brassed Off 11 a.m., 2:30, 7:30, 10 • Carla's Song 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Welcome to the Doll's House 11 a.m., 1:45 • Family Secrets 11:15 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 **LIMOR** ☎6988084 Shall We Dance 6, 10 • Empire of the Senses 8 **MAGNIFICENT SIX** ☎ 5888865 Looking for Lola 12 noon, 4, 6, 8 • Sinbad 12 noon, 2, 4, 6 • The Crying Game 8 • The Fifth Element 2, 10 • Azit 12 noon, 4 • Hard Men 8, 10 • Men Always Lie 12 noon, 2, 6, 8 • Monty Python and the Holy Grail 4, 10 • Funny Games 8 • Tromeo and Juliet 8 • Trainspotting 10 • Nikkita12 noon, 2, 4, 6, 10 • Great Troubles *(Hebrew)* 2, 6 • *Toxic* Avenger 2, 4, 6, 10 **G.G. PE'ER** ☎5442141 High Art 7:30, 10 • City of Angels 7:30, 10 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 • The Big Lebowski 7:15, 10 • Superboy 11:30 a.m., 5 • Paulie 11:30 a.m., 5 • Lethal Weapon IV 7:15, 10 • The Borrowers 11:30 a.m., 5 • The Avengers 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 *RAV-CHEN* ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Mafia! 11 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45 • Armageddon 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45 • Wild Things 9:45 • Parent Trap 11 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:15 • Pipi Longstocking *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m. • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 2:30, 5 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House Jackie *Brown 1:15, 4:15, 7, 9:45* • *Titanic 2, 5:15, 9* • As Good As It Gets 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • The Full Monty∞The Leading Man Fri. 10, 12:15 a.m.; Sat. 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45; Thu. Sun-Wed. 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** The Hanging Garden 5, 8, 10

HAIFA

CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎8325755 Gadjo Dilo 7:30, 9:30 **CINEMATHEQUE** The Lady Eve 7 • The Fifth Element 9:30 **MORIAH** ☎8242477 Kundun 7:15 • On connait la chanson 7:15, 9:30 • Live Flesh 9:30 **ORI** ☎8500056 Grease 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Avengers ∞City of Angels 7:15, 10 • The *Big Lebowski 7:15, 10* • *Lethal Weapon IV* 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Borrowers∞Mouse Hunt∞The Magic Sword 11:30 a.m., 4:45 • Superboy 11:30 a.m., 4:45 • Paulie 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:15 • High Art 7:15, 10 **PANORAMA** ☎8382020 Mouse Hunt 11 a.m., 5 • The Magic Sword 11 a.m., 5 • Lethal Weapon IV 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Paulie 11 a.m., 5 • The Real Blonde 7:15, 9:45 • The Avengers 5, 7:15, 9:45 **RAV-CHEN** ☎8500055 As Good As It Gets 4:15, 7, 9:30 • Armageddon 4, 6:45, 9:45 • Wild Things 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Good Will Hunting 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Leading Man 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Mafia! 5, 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 Godzilla 4, 6:45, 9:30 • Titanic 4:45, 8:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:15 • Armageddon 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 6:45, 9:45 The Horse Whisperer 9:30 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Wild Things 9:30 • Pipi Longstocking 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7 • Parent Trap 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Mafia! 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 The Horse Whisperer 9:30 • Mulan∞Pipi Longstocking *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:15, 9:30 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:15 • A Price Above Rubies 7, 9:30

AFULA

RAV CHEN Mafia! 7:15, 9:45 • Armageddon 9:45 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* ∞Pipi Longstocking *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 5, 7:15 • Godzilla 7, 9:30

ARAD

STAR ☎9950904 Godzilla 11:30 a.m., 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 • Blues Brothers 2000 11:30 a.m., 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 • Grease 11:30 a.m., 5:30, 7:45, 10:15

ARIEL

City of Angels 9 • The Magic Sword 6

ASHDOD

G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 City of Angels 10 • The Avengers 7:30, 10 • The Borrowers ∞Paulie 11:30 a.m., 5 • Superboy *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m. • Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Grease 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Blues Brothers 2000 10 **ORI** ☎8568073 Good Will *Hunting 4:45, 7:15, 10* • *Titanic 4:45, 8:30* • The Patriot 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 8661120 Mafia! 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer ∞As Good As It Gets 9:45 • Armageddon 7, 9:45 • Wild Things 7:30, 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle∞Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5, 7:30 • Pipi Longstocking 11 a.m., 5 • Parent Trap 11 a.m., 4:30 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:45

ASHKELON

G.G. GIL ☎ *6729977 City of Angels 10* • The Avengers 7:30, 10 • Superboy 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30 • The Borrowers 11:30 a.m. • Paulie ∞The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 • Grease 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Blues Brothers 2000 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎6711221 Good Will Hunting *7:15, 9:45* • Pipi Longstocking ∞*Mulan (Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5 • Armageddon 7, 9:45 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:45 • Wild Things 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 5, 7:30 • Mafia! 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 **BAT YAM**

RAV CHEN ☎5531077 Mafia! 11 a.m., 7:45, 10, 12:15 a.m.; 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 7, 9:45 • Superboy ∞*Pipi Longstocking∞Mulan (Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5 • Parent Trap 11 a.m., 5 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45 • *Lethal Weapon IV 7:15, 9:45* • *Godzilla 11 a.m.,* 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Avengers 7:30, 9:45

BEERSHEBA

G.G. ORI ☎6103111 Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Big Lebowski 7:15, 10 • City of Angels 10 • Paulie ∞Superboy 11:30 a.m., 5 • The Borrowers∞*The Magic Sword (Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m. • Grease 5, 7:30 • The Avengers 7:30, 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎6235278 Mafia!7:30, 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 9:45 • Armageddon 7, 9:45 • Pipi Longstocking ∞Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 5, 7:30

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EILAT CINEMA Mafia! 7:30, 10 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Armageddon 7, 10 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5 • Pipi Longstocking *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m, 5 **GIL** ☎6340182 Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Paulie∞The Borrowers 11:30 a.m., 5 • The Avengers∞City of Angels 7:30, 10 • Superboy 11:30 a.m.

HADERA

LEV ☎6343555 Armageddon 7:15, 10 • Mulan 11 a.m., 5 • Lethal Weapon IV 7:30, 10 • Superboy 11 a.m., 5 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 5, 7:15, 10

HERZLIYA

COLONY ☎6902666 The Horse Whisperer 6, *9:15* • *On Connait La Chanson 5, 7:30, 10:15* **DANIEL** ☎ 9544044 A Price Above Rubies 7:30, 10 • He Got Game Sat. 4:30 **STAR** ☎ 9589068 Armageddon 7:15, 10 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 3:15, 5:30 • Paulie 11 a.m., 1:30, 3:15 • Godzilla 4:45, 7:30, 10 • Parent Trap 1, 3:30 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 1:15, 5, 7:30, 10

HOD HASHARON

GIL ☎ 7406591 Mafia! 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10 • Armageddon 7, 10 • *Superboy 11:30 a.m., 5* • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m. • Lethal Weapon IV 10 • Godzilla 4:15, 7 • The Avengers 7:30, 10 • The Parent Trap 11:30 a.m., 4:45

HOLON

STAR Titanic 11, 5, 9 • Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 • Wild Things 7:30, 10 • Godzilla 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Dr. Dolittle *11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10*

KARMIEL

CINEMA ☎9882521 Mafia! 7:15, 9:30 • Armageddon 9:45 • *Mulan∞Pipi Longstocking* 11 a.m., 5 • Godzilla 7, 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle11 a.m., 5, 7:15

KFAR SAVA

G.G. GIL ☎7677370 Mafia! 5, 7:30, 10 • Armageddon∞Godzilla 7, 10 • Paulie ∞Pipi Longstocking ∞Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • The Big Lebowski ∞Lethal Weapon IV 7:15, 10 • Superboy 2, 5 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m. • The Borrowers 11:30 a.m., 2 • Parent Trap 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45 • Spanish Prisoner 10 • The Avengers 7:30, 10 • Dr. Dolittle 11:30 a m., 2, 5, 7:30

KIRYAT BIALIK

G.G. GIL Lethal Weapon IV 7:15, 9:30 • The Big Lebowski 7, 9:30 • The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:30 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., *4:30* • The Borrowers • Grease ∞Paulie 11 a.m., 4:30 • City of Angels 7, 9:30 • Good Will Hunting 7, 9:30 • Superboy 11 a.m., 4:30, 7 • As Good As It Gets 7, 9:30 • The Avengers 9:30 • The Mouse Hunt∞Lethal Weapon 11 a.m., 4:30 • Armageddon 11 a.m., 4:30, 6:45, 9:30 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Avengers 4:30, 7, 9:30

KIRYAT SHMONA

G.G. GIL ☎6905080 Mafia! 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7, *9:30* • *City of Angels 9:30* • *The Avengers 7,* 9:30 • The Parent Trap 11:30 a.m., 4:30 • Godzilla 4:30, 7 • The Borrowers 11:30 a.m.

NAHARIYA

HEICHAL HATARBUT ☎9829933 Mafia! 11 a.m., 5, 7, 9:15

UPPER NAZARETH

G.G GIL ☎6561332 Mafia! 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Lethal Weapon IV 7, 9:45 • City of Angels∞The Avengers 7, 9:30 • Armageddon 4:15, 7, *10* • *Superboy 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7* • The *Magic Sword (Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m. • The Horse Whisperer 9:30 • The Borrowers ∞Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 4:30 • Parent Trap 11:30 a.m., 4:15 • Godzilla 11:30 a.m., 4:15, 7, 10

NESS ZIONA

G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ *9404729 Lethal Weapon IV* 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Paulie∞The Borrowers ∞Superboy 11:30 a.m., 5 • The Magic Sword 11:30 a.m. • The Big Lebowski 7:15, 10 • Spanish Prisoner∞The Avengers 7:30, 10

NETANYA

G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 8628452 Superboy ∞Grease *11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30* • *Paulie 11:30 a.m., 5* • The Borrowers ∞The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 • City of Angels∞The *Spanish Prisoner 10* • *The Big Lebowski 7:15,* 10 • Lethal Weapon IV 7:15, 10 • The Avengers 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 8618570 Mafia! 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 7, 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 9:45 • Pipi Longstocking ∞Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7, 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 1, *5, 7:30*

OR AKIVA

RAV CHEN ☎ 6262758 Mafia ! 7:15, 9:30 • Armageddon 7, 9:45 • Pipi Longstocking∞Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5 • Lethal Weapon IV 9:30 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 5, 7:15

OR YEHUDA G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 5333292 Grease 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30 • Lethal Weapon IV∞Blues Brothers 2000 7:15, 10 • City of *Angels 10* • Superboy∞The Borrowers 11:30 a.m., 5 • The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m. • The Avengers 5, 7:30, 10

PETAH TIKVA

G.G. GIL 1-6 ☎ 9087989 Paulie ∞Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • Bilbi Longstocking ∞Superboy 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • The Big Lebowski ∞Lethal Weapon IV 7:15, 10 • Armageddon 7, 10 • The Horse Whisperer 9:45 • Parent Trap 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15 • The Avengers 7:30, 10 • Dr. Dolittle 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 **G.G. HECHAL** ☎ 9317374 Mafia! 5, 7:30, 10 • Grease 5, 7:30; Sat. 7:30 • Lethal *Weapon IV 10* • *Godzilla 4:15, 7, 10*

RA'ANANA

IN MOFET ☎ 7482915 On Connait La chan*son 8:30* **PARK** ☎ *7711321* Mafia! 5, 7:45, 10:15 • Primary Colors The Horse Whisperer 6, 9:15 • Great Expectations 10:15 • Armageddon 11 a.m., 4, 7, 9:45 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 3, 5 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:45, 10:15 • The Magic Sword 11 a.m., 3 • The Borrowers 11 a.m., 3 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 3, 5, 7:45 *RA'ANAN Lethal Weapon IV ∞Godzilla 11,* 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Parent Trap 11 a.m., 3, 5, 7:30 • Wild Things 10:15 • Spanish Prisoner *7:30, 10:15* • *Pipi Longstocking* ∞Paulie 11 a.m., 3, 5 • The Avengers 7:30, 10:15 • The Big Lebowski 11 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10:15

RAMAT GAN

RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121 Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30; 9:45 • Mulan ∞Pipi Longstocking *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • Armageddon *7, 9:45* • *Parent Trap 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:15* • The Horse Whisperer 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OASIS 1-3** ☎ 6730687 Mafia! 11 a.m., 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Lethal Weapon IV 9:45 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:45 • The Avengers 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Paulie 11 a.m.

RAMAT HASHARON

KOKHAV ☎ 5491979 Good Will Hunting 7:30, 10 • Titanic 4

REHOVOT

CHEN ☎ *9382868 A Price Above Rubies 7:30,* 9:45 • As Good As It Gets 7, 9:45 • The Real Blonde 7 • Titanic 9 • Welcome to the Dolls House 7:15, 9:45 **RAV MOR** ☎ 9493595 Mafia! 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 7, 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 9:45 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30 • Mulan∞Pipi Longstocking *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Parent Trap 11 a.m., 5 • Paulie 11 a.m., 1 • Lethal Weapon IV 9:45 • Godzilla11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:45 • The *Avengers 7:30, 9:45* • *Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 1, 5,* 7:30 **RISHON LEZION**

GIL 1-3 ☎ 9500785 Superboy∞The Borrowers∞Paulie *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m, 5 • Lethal Weapon IV 7:15, 10 • The Avengers∞The Real Blonde 7:30, 10 **HAZ-AHAV** ☎ 9514958 Mafia! 5, 7:30, 10 • Armageddon 7, *10* • *Superboy 2, 5* • *The Magic* Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m. • Paulie∞Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • Lethal Weapon IV∞The Big Lebowski 7:15, 10 • Parent Trap 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45 • The Borrowers 11:30 a.m., 2 • The Avengers 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 9670504 Mafia! 7:30, 9:45 • *The Horse Whisperer 9:45* • *Armageddon 7,* 9:45 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 5 • Pipi Longstocking *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 5 • *Godzilla* 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30 **STAR** ☎ 9619985 Titanic 11, 5, 9 • Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11:30 a.m., 5 • Wild Things 7:30, 10 • Godzilla 11:30 a.m., 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Dr. Dolittle 11:30 a.m., 5, 7:30, 10

SHOHAM

STAR ☎ 9793834 Wild Things 7:30, 10 • *Godzilla ∞Blues Brothers 2000 4:30, 7:15, 10* • Mouse Hunt 5

YEHUD

RAV CHEN ☎5367910 Mafia! 7:30, 9:45 • The H 7, 9:45 • Pipi Longstocking ∞Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 5 • Parent Trap 11 a.m., 4:45 • Godzilla 7, 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle 11 a.m., 1, 5, 7:30.

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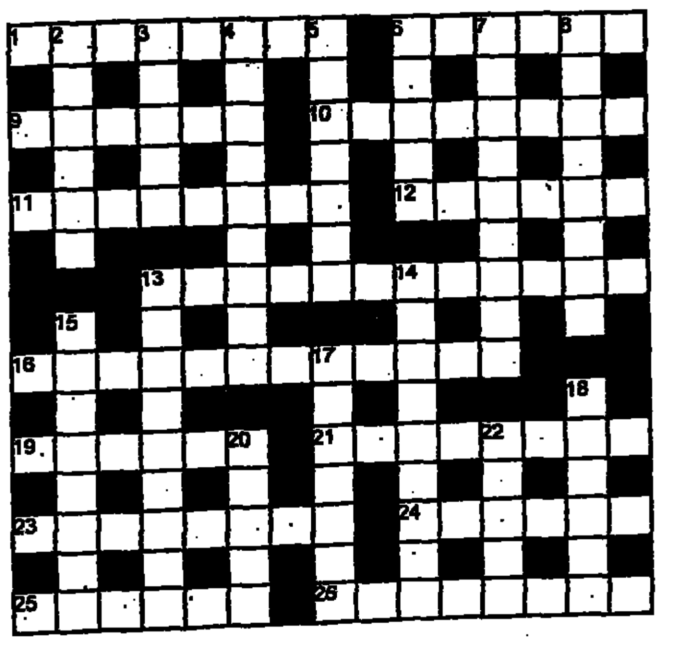
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Extremely angry with flaw Ruth covered (8)
6 Be the leader and act in an executive role? (6)
9 One with another going off to the match (6)
10 Mannequin went first and did some sculpturing (8)
11 A New Zealander initially taken in by lady in an African country (8)
12 Cut the first golf-peg (6)
13 Pedestrian not conscious of his movements (12)
16 Not the first period of instruction in church (6,6)
19 Crustaceans found in temporary quarters in Southern India primarily (6)
21 *Good principles* my tailor adapted (8)
23 Supports Penny in making a rotating movement of a ball (8)
24 *Choosing to put* an incorrect mark (6)
25 Bit of a waster, Oliver, consuming alcohol (6)
26 Development area (8)

DOWN

2 It's a terrible ordeal to put a new film into a camera (6)
3 To father the last letter's a gem (5)
4 Word of warning said to have been previously mentioned (9)
5 Greek character has about one dance (7)
6 I had flutter round basin (5)
7 Cad accepted meal ticket before girl stopped short of Lake District mountain (9)
8 Mast they damaged with a precious stone (8)
13 One who is working at last (9)
14 Transport director (8,6)
15 Inclination to be a songwriter? (8)
17 *Belonging to me* inured perhaps covered with white fur (7)
18 Good man in turn has a drink (6)
20 Drive one member with gymnastics student (5)
22 After a time I leave retail organisation (5)



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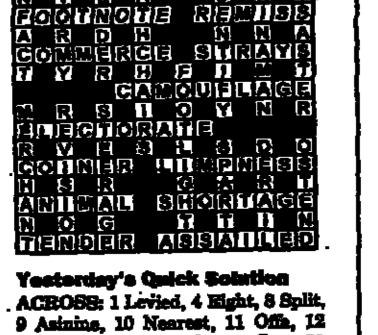

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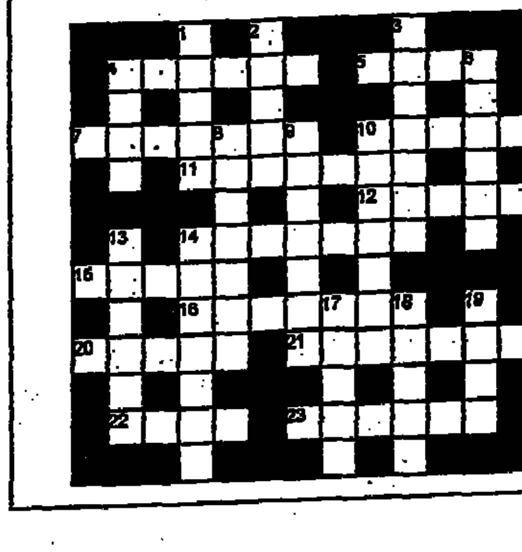

ACROSS

4 Roman poet (6)
5 Conservative (4)
7 Illuminated at night (7)
10 Spouse's parent (2-3)
11 Boon (7)
12 Match (5)
14 One who prepares hides (7)
15 Large animal (5)
16 Thorough search (7)
20 Acknowledge (5)
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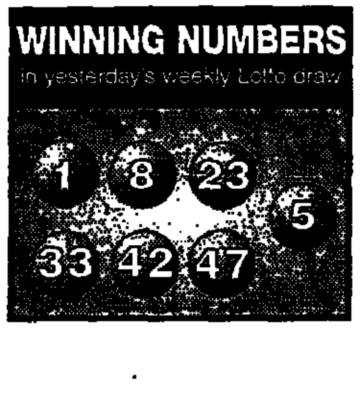

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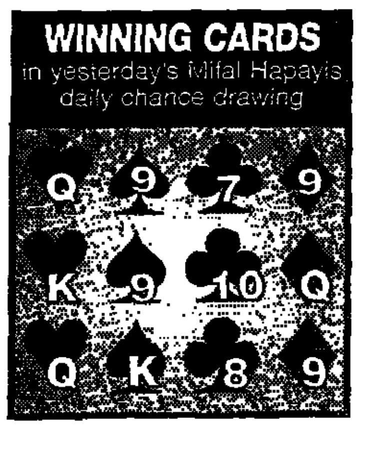

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Leyland girds for series with Cards

MIAMI (AP) – Jim Leyland wants to give Mark McGwire pitches to hit.

With the Marlins, however, things don't always go as planned.

"We'll pitch to him," Leyland said. "We may not throw strikes, but we'll pitch to him."

The Marlins lead the major leagues in walks allowed, so it's uncertain how many chances McGwire will have to increase his home run total. With 53 homers, McGwire is eight shy of Roger Maris's record.

The Florida Marlins were scheduled to play at St. Louis late yesterday and have another game today.

McGwire was scheduled to face rookie Rafael Medina yesterday and goes up against knuckleballer Kirt Ojala today. Medina is 0-1 with a 7.18 ERA and has allowed three homers in 26⅓ innings. Ojala is 1-3 with a 3.90 ERA and gave up three homers to San Francisco in 2⅓ innings Sunday.

Leyland, who led the Marlins to the World Series championship last year, knows how difficult it is to perform in the spotlight, which is one reason he considers McGwire's season so impressive.

"I don't think people realize how much pressure there is," Leyland says. "What the guy is going through must be a hundredfold worse than what we went through in the World Series. I can't imagine." Leyland has been in professional baseball as a player or manager since 1964, and he says he has never seen a player like McGwire.

COMING THROUGH – Atlanta's Danny Bautista is out at home as he collides with Dodgers' catcher Tom Prince. (Reuters)

Mariners sweep Chisox

Griffey's bat heats up, McGwire, Sosa tally unchanged

SEATTLE – Ken Griffey Jr hit his 44th homer in a seven-run fourth inning on Monday and the Seattle Mariners held on for an 11-10 victory and a four-game sweep of the Chicago White Sox.

Griffey connected for a three-run shot off White Sox starter Mike Sirotka (12-12) to cap the outburst and give the Mariners an 8-1 lead. It was Griffey's second homer in two days after he had hit just one in 87 previous August at-bats.

Griffey leads the American League in homers but is nine behind major-league leader Mark McGwire of St. Louis. He is on pace to hit 55, one less than last year, when he led the league.

"He can get hot at any point," teammate Alex Rodriguez said. "He can hit seven in a week. When he swings like today, they start flying out."

Rodriguez had four hits and scored twice and Joey Cora had two hits, two runs and two RBI for the Mariners, who nearly blew a 9-1 lead.

Mike Timlin surrendered Robin Ventura's 10th career grand slam in the ninth and allowed a single by Jeff Norton before getting the final three outs for his 12th save. He had worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth after Chicago scored three times.

"I couldn't believe that ball went out," Timlin said of Ventura's blast. "He hit it just far enough. I didn't want to go out there and screw it up and I almost did."

Magglio Ordonez also homered for Chicago while Edgar Martinez hit his 24th out for Seattle.

The winner was Ken Cloude (8-9), who retired the first 11 batters he faced, nine by strikeout. Cloude allowed three runs and four hits in seven innings, walking three and striking out 10 as he snapped a personal three-game losing streak.

Angels 7, Yankees 3

Garrett Anderson tied the score with a two-run homer in the seventh and Gary DiSarcina hit a go-ahead, two-run double later in the inning to lead visiting Anaheim to victory.

Anaheim, which could play the Yankees in the first round of the playoffs, holds a 4-3 advantage over New York this year – the only team the Yankees don't lead in the season. The Angels maintained a 2½-game lead over Texas in the AL West.

Jack McDowell (3-2) won his second straight start since coming off the disabled list.

Rangers 6, Tigers 5

Aaron Sele earned his 15th victory and Will Clark hit a two-run homer as the host Rangers entered a favorable stretch of the schedule with a victory.

The Rangers fell out of first place in the AL West when they won only seven of 17 games during an 18-day run that ended Sunday night against three of the AL's elite: the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians.

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Hapoel Tel Aviv lose in penalty shoot-out

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

Hapoel Tel Aviv failed to make history by qualifying to the first round of the UEFA Cup yesterday, after it lost 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out to Stromsgodset of Norway.

Hapoel had to battle for the last 18 minutes of regular time, and all through extra time with 10 men, following Yaniv Yaron's dismissal. The young midfielder received two yellow cards in a period of two minutes, and was given his marching orders in the 72nd minute by Bulgarian referee Ivan Dobrinov.

Carrying a 1-0 lead into the away leg in Dramen and with Sebastian Simirotic kept as cover on the substitutes' bench, Hapoel sat back while Godset were forced to attack.

The Norweigans managed to score in the 6th minute from a header by their skipper and former Chelsea defender Erland Johnson, but the goal was disallowed as goalkeeper Shavit Elimelech was fouled.

In the 14th minute, Andres Michelsen shaved the bottom of the post with a shot from near the byline, and six minutes later Hapoel's skipper Shalom Tikva also came close from a cross by Eyal Ben Ami, but Glen Arne Hansen in Godset's goal was alert.

Four minutes before the interval, the home side took the lead and leveled the score over the two legs. A mistake by Tel Aviv's defender Motti Ohaion, who failed to clear a simple ball, left Lasse Olsen to deliver a telling cross that was met by Michelsen who was left unmarked at the center of Hapoel's penalty box to head the ball into the top corner.

The score remained unchanged all through the second half despite both Yaron's dismissal, which forced Hapoel to sit even further back, and the introduction of Jostein Flo, who came on and caused an immediate aerial threat.

Coach Eli Cohen threw Simirotic in for the exhausted Assi Tubi in the second period of extra time, but he missed the first penalty for Hapoel as both teams stood up for the sudden death spot kicks. Shavit Elimelech made amends by saving Tor Arne Sannerholt's kick but Eyal Ben Ami's effort was saved by the Norwegian keeper.

UEFA Cup second qualifying round, second leg results:

In Salonika: PAOK Salonika (Greece) 0, Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 0. Glasgow Rangers win 2-0 on aggregate.

In Galati: Otelul Galati (Romania) 0, Vejle BK (Denmark) 3 (halftime 0-2). Scorers: Danny Jung 21, Peter Graulund 35, Nicolai Wael 53. Vejle BK win 6-0 on aggregate.

In Chorzow: Ruch Chorzow (Poland) 0, FC Bologna (Italy) 2 (halftime 0-0). Scorers: Igor Kolivanov 61pen, Giuseppe Signori 90. Bologna win 3-0 on aggregate

In Moscow: Dynamo Moscow (Russia) 1, Polonia Warsaw (Poland) 0 (halftime 0-0). Scorer: Oleg Terekhin 89. Dynamo Moscow win 2-0 on aggregate.

In Sofia: CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 2, Molde (Norway) 0 (halftime 1-0). Scorers: Milen Petkov 39, Valentin Stanchev 60. Red card: Pal Lydersen (Molde) 63. CSKA win 2-0 on aggregate.

In Vilnius: Zhalgiris (Lithuania) 0, Brann Bergen (Norway) 0. Brann Bergen win 1-0 aggregate.

In Vienna: Rapid Vienna (Austria) 2, Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) 0 (halftime 1-0). Scorers: Andreas Heraf 9, Rene Wagner 70. Aggregate 3-3. Rapid Vienna win on away goals rule.

In Volgograd: Rotor Volgograd (Russia) 1, Crvena Zvezda Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 2 (halftime 0-0). Scorers: Rotor – Alexander Zernov 59. Crvena Zvezda – Perica Ognjenovic 70, Dudic 80. Red card: Goikovic (Crvena Zvezda) 53. Crvena Zvezda win 4-2 on aggregate.

In Donetsk: Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 3, FC Zurich (Switzerland) 2 (Halftime: 1-2). Scorers: Shakhtar – Hennadiy Orbu 25, 69, Andrei Shtolkers 90 FC Zurich – Sean Bartlett 19, 28. FC Zurich win 6-3 on aggregate.

In Bratislava: Inter Bratislava (Slovakia) 2, Slavia Prague (Czech Republic) 0 (halftime 1-0). Scorers: Peter Babnic 12, Robert Ovad 52. Red card: Jozef Danko (Inter Bratislava) 66. Slavia Prague win 4-2 on aggregate.

In Silkeborg: Silkeborg (Denmark) 2, Mura Murska Sobota (Slovenia) 0 (halftime 0-0). Scorers: Peter Soerensen 63, Thomas Roell Larsen 64. Silkeborg win 2-0 on aggregate.

In Trabzon: Trabzonspor (Turkey) 1, Wisla Krakow (Poland) 2 (halftime 0-0). Scorers: Trabzonspor: Huseyin Cimser 67. Wisla Krakow: Ibrahim Sunday 53, Tomasz Kulawik 62. Wisla Krakow win 7-2 on aggregate.

In Istanbul: Fenerbahce (Turkey) 1, IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) 0 (halftime 0-0). Scorer: Elvir Balic 64 Aggregate score 2-2. Fenerbahce win on away goals rule.

In Athens: AEK Athens (Greece) 4, Ferencvaros (Hungary) 0 (halftime 3-0). Scorers: AEK Athens: Demis Nikolaidis 8, 13pen, 26pen, George Donis 63. AEK Athens win 6-4 on aggregate

In Oslo: Stromsgodset (Norway) 1, Hapoel Tel Aviv 0 (after extra time, halftime 1-0). Scorer: Andres Michelsen 42.Aggregate 1-1. Stromsgodset won 4-2 on penalties.

In Brussels: Anderlecht (Belgium) 2, Osijek (Croatia) 0 (halftime 1-0). Scorers: Ole Martin Aarst 4, Alin Stoica 85. Aggregate score 3-3, Anderlecht win on away goals rule.

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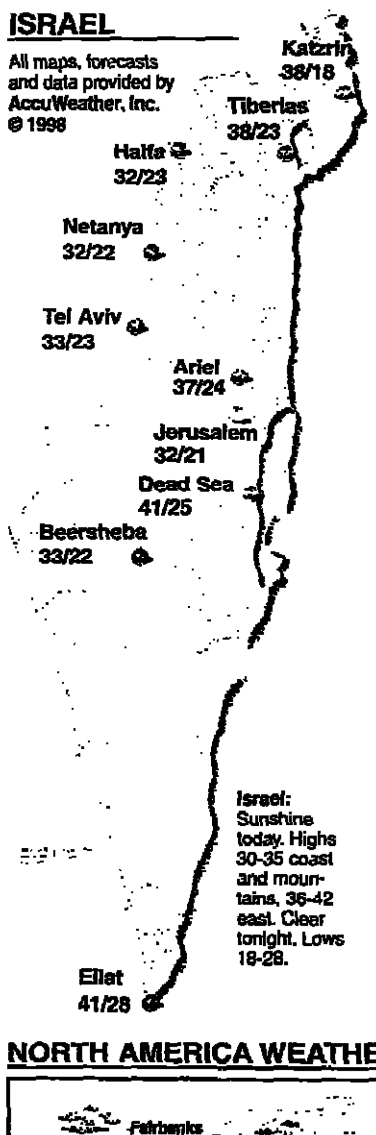

Israel: Sunshine today. Highs 30-35 coast and mountains, 36-42 east. Clear tonight. Lows 18-28.

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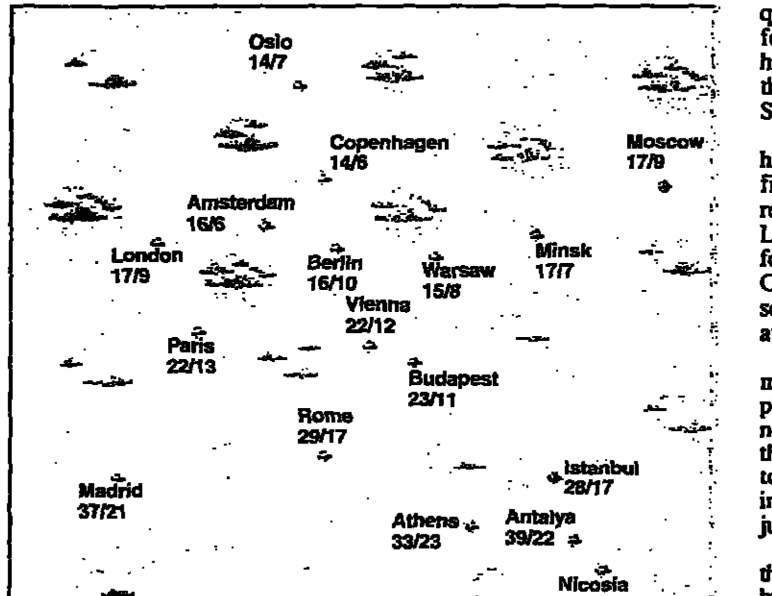

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Ariel	37/98	24/75/s	38/100	24/75/s	39/102	26/79/pc	38/100	24/75
Beersheba	33/91	22/71/s	35/95	24/75/s	37/98	24/75/pc	35/95	23/73
Dead Sea	41/106	25/77/s	42/107	28/82/s	43/109	29/84/pc	43/109	28/82
Eilat	41/106	28/82/s	42/107	29/84/s	43/109	29/84/pc	42/107	28/82
Haifa	32/89	23/73/s	33/91	25/77/s	34/93	26/79/pc	33/91	25/77
Jerusalem	32/89	21/70/s	34/93	21/70/s	36/97	23/73/pc	34/93	21/70
Katzrin	38/100	18/64/s	39/102	18/64/s	39/102	19/66/pc	39/102	18/64
Netanya	32/89	22/71/s	34/93	24/75/s	35/95	25/77/pc	35/95	24/75
Tel Aviv	33/91	23/73/s	33/91	24/75/s	35/95	25/77/pc	34/93	24/75
Tiberias	38/100	23/73/s	40/104	25/79/s	41/106	26/79/pc	41/106	26/79

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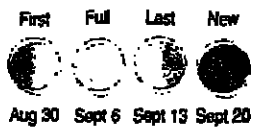

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Amsterdam	16/61	6/43/sh	14/57	7/44/c	17/62	12/5
Beijing	33/91	13/65/s	31/88	21/70/s	28/82	20/6
Berlin	16/61	10/50/sh	14/57	6/43/sh	14/57	7/44
Brussels	19/56	8/46/sh	14/57	7/44/c	18/64	12/5
Cairo	35/95	24/75/s	35/95	24/75/s	37/98	24/7
Chicago	28/82	18/64/pc	28/82	19/66/sh	27/80	17/6
Frankfurt	14/57	11/52/c	15/59	5/41/c	15/59	6/43
Hong Kong	33/91	27/80/pc	32/89	27/80/pc	32/89	25/79
Johannesburg	22/71	4/39/s	22/71	6/43/s	22/71	7/44
London	17/62	9/48/sh	18/64	9/48/pc	22/71	15/5
Los Angeles	29/84	16/64/pc	34/93	18/64/s	34/93	19/6
Madrid	37/98	21/70/s	37/98	17/62/s	34/93	18/64
Mexico City	27/80	14/57/pc	23/73	14/57/c	25/77	14/57
Montreal	24/75	14/57/pc	24/75	16/61/pc	26/79	16/61
Moscow	17/62	9/48/sh	13/55	9/48/r	17/62	9/48
New York	31/88	22/71/t	30/86	20/68/pc	30/86	20/68
Paris	22/71	13/55/pc	18/64	7/44/s	21/70	13/55
Prague	18/64	12/53/sh	16/61	2/35/c	14/57	3/37
Rio de Janeiro	29/84	23/73/pc	26/79	19/66/pc	25/77	19/66
Rome	29/84	17/62/s	29/84	18/64/s	27/80	16/61
Sydney	15/61	8/46/pc	16/61	8/46/pc	20/68	15/59
Tokyo	31/88	25/79/r	29/84	26/79/t	31/88	27/8
Toronto	25/77	12/53/s	26/79	14/57/pc	26/79	13/55
Vienna	22/71	12/53/s	23/73	9/48/pc	17/62	7/44
Warsaw	15/59	8/46/c	16/61	5/41/c	14/57	4/39
Washington	31/88	21/70/pc	31/88	22/71/s	31/88	21/70

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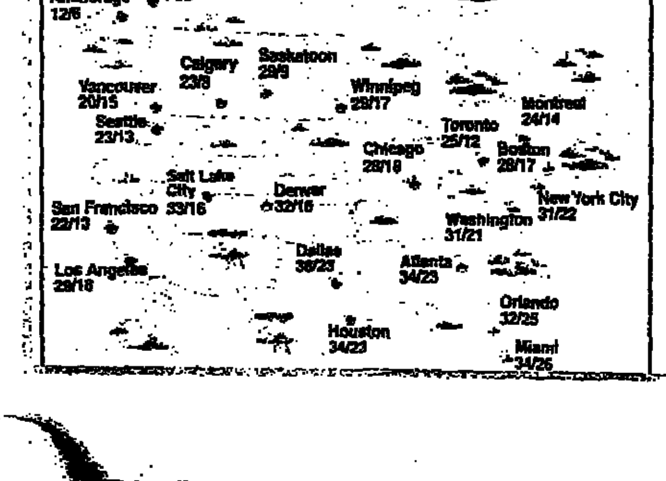

Betar seek to salvage pride against Benfica

By DEREK FATTAL

Burdened by a six-goal deficit from the thrashing received in the first leg of their European Cup qualifying match against Benfica a fortnight ago, Betar Jerusalem have only their pride to play for in this evening's return leg at Teddy Stadium.

When the draw was made a full house was expected for today's fixture but the humiliating 6-0 result in Lisbon's Stadium of Light has doused local enthusiasm for a second encounter against Graham Souness's outfit, and some pessimists are predicting an attendance of less than 7,000.

Nevertheless the Betar management are still going ahead with plans to open Teddy's sparkling new 8,000-seater North Stand to the public for the first time tonight. The additional area increases the stadium's capacity to just over the 20,000 mark.

Benfica have settled down after their arrival in Israel was delayed by nearly 12 hours on Monday following flight problems.

The Jerusalemites can expect few favors from the Portuguese side which still retains a romantic aura from the glorious period in the early Sixties when the club known as the Eagles boasted the likes of the great Eusebio and Torres under the management of Hungarian coach Bela Guttman, and brought the European Cup home to the Portuguese capital.

Jerusalem fans will be hoping for Betar to put on the same gutsy type of display they gave against Benfica's arch rivals Sporting Lisbon a year ago, which many reckon to be one of the best-ever performances by an Israeli club in European competition.

The inadequacies of Betars fragile central defensive unit were clearly exposed two weeks ago by the Benfica attack, and the bad news for the hosts is that center-half Sergei Tartiak has been ruled out of the match following a leg injury received at the weekend.

Today's contest marks the return to Israel of former Maccabi Haifa star Sergei Kandaurov – one of the most successful foreign imports to grace the local game – who is likely to be in Benfica's starting line up alongside Joao Pinto. The match kicks off at 18:00 and will be broadcast live on Channel 24 and Reshet Bet.

UEFA set to merge UEFA Cup and Cup Winners' Cup

LONDON (Reuters) – European soccer's governing body UEFA said yesterday it may merge the Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup and introduce changes to the Champions' League to head off a threat to form a European Super League.

UEFA spokesman Guido Tognoni told Reuters that soccer officials from eight countries had rejected an initiative by Europe's top clubs to form a Super League. "The essence of the meeting was that they mandated UEFA to reform the competitions," he said.

The decision was taken at the first meeting of the Committee for Professional Football in UEFA, a group set up to meet the challenge posed by what the football body refers to as "a private project."

"The unanimous result was to reject the private project," he said, adding the committee agreed to mandate UEFA to reform European football competitions. "This was the essence of the meeting.

"We expect to complete the redesign of European competition by the end of the year," said Tognoni.

Broncos down Packers in 'Super Bowl rematch'

DENVER (AP) – Jason Elam kicked a 49-yard field goal with 3:10 remaining, and the Denver Broncos defeated the Green Bay Packers 34-31 Monday night in an exhibition rematch of last January's Super Bowl teams.

The Broncos, who also beat the Packers 31-24 seven months earlier, built leads of 21-10 and 28-17 in an otherwise evenly played game that saw each team's defense and special teams score touchdowns.

Brett Favre and John Elway dueled to a near standoff, each throwing a touchdown pass in the first half.

Elway, who played only the first half for the Broncos, completed 13 of 22 passes for 179 yards. Favre, whose stint lasted through the first series of the third quarter, was 13-of-23 for 155 yards.

Elam's 35-yard field goal had given Denver a 31-24 lead with 11:01 remaining, but the Packers, behind backup quarterback Doug Pederson, tied it with 6:53 left.

Pederson drove the Packers to Denver's 37-yard line when the march stalled and Sean Landeta punted. George Coghill fumbled the punt and Mike Prior recovered at the Denver 17. Pederson passed 16 yards to Bill Schroeder, and Raymont Harris scored from the 1.

Rookie Brian Griese helped move the Broncos in position for Elam's winning kick with a 34-yard pass to tight end Byron Chamberlain.

Denver led 21-17 at halftime.

The Packers scored just 44 seconds into the game when safety LeRoy Butler intercepted a tipped pass and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown.

Denver tied it midway through the first quarter when Elway hit Rod Smith on an 80-yard scoring pass. Smith gained separation from cornerback Craig Newsome and caught Elway's pass down the right side at the Green Bay 40.

Late in the quarter, Denver defensive end Marvin Washington stripped Travis Jervey of the ball, and safety Tyrone Braxton ran 7 yards with the fumble for a 14-7 lead.

After a Green Bay field goal early in the second quarter, Darrien Gordon camped under a punt and, sprung by blocks from Dwayne Carswell and Detron Smith, dashed 65 yards down the left sideline for a 21-10 lead with 9:15 left in the half.

Roell Preston's 21-yard punt return, along with a late-hit penalty against Denver, gave Green Bay good field position late in the half, and Favre passed 11 yards to Derrick Mayes for a touchdown with 1:07 left.

Bubby Brister, replacing Elway in the third quarter, went 6-of-7 for 58 yards on a 74-yard, 13-play march that culminated in Derek Loville's 1-yard TD run. On the ensuing kickoff, however, Preston went right, then cut up the middle on a 99-yard scoring return.

England stays with Stewart

LONDON (AP) – Fresh from leading England to its first major test-series win in 12 years, Alec Stewart was yesterday named to skipper the England cricket team into next year's World Cup.

Stewart, who captained England to a fighting 2-1 Test series win over South Africa this summer, can now focus on the immediate task at hand – an arduous Ashes series in Australia.

The only real question over Stewart's captaincy arose because of a clash in schedules between the start of England's Ashes campaign and a limited-overs tournament in Bangladesh.

However, England successfully appealed an International Cricket Council demand that each Test-playing nation send a full-strength side to the Dhaka tournament.

The only doubt over the team now is which player will lead England's limited-overs squad in Dhaka.

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